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# Saddam Expected to Sign Accord Today in Baghdad, but U.S. Is Cautious and Maintains Readiness

Number of the first to be come to BAGHDAD - Kofi Annan, the United Nations secretary-general, and President Saddam RATP STATE OF STATE O Hussein of Iraq settled the last major obstacle Sunday for opening presidential palaces to UN arms inspectors, the main condition for avoiding a U.S. attack, Mr. Annan's spokesman said. Additional the others find agrees The two sides still had to iron out the language

of an agreement. Mr. Annan and Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, met late Sunday to agree on the wording of a text that is expected to be signed back to the Security

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text," said a UN spokesman, Fred Eckhard.

"We expect the text will be acceptable to all

15 members of the Security Council," including the United States, he added. An Iraqi official, who insisted that his name not be used, was asked whether there was a deal.
"Yes," he replied.

In Washington, President Bill Clinton, working Sunday afternoon in his White House office, was aware of news reports of the deal but had not been formally briefed, said a spokesman, Joe Lockhart. He added that Mr. Clinton had not ordered any relaxation of military readiness, "nor would he," and that there were no plans for a meeting on Sunday of the president's national security team.

Mr. Clinton might speak by phone with foreign leaders about the situation, Mr. Lockhart continued, but was unlikely to make any public

pleased if Mr. Annan returned with a promise hat weapons inspectors can resume their work

totally free from traqi limits or harassment. But "it is possible that he will come with something that we don't like, in which case we will pursue our national interests," Mrs. Albright said on television. (AP, Reuters) bright said on television.

A Measure of Skepticism

Barbara Crossette of The New York Times reported from Baghdad: Given Mr. Saddam's defiance of the United

Nations in recent months, officials tend to reserve a measure of caution over the reported deal. Only a small number of sites belonging to the

lomats are saying that it could be just a matter of weeks before inspectors again run into problems of access to other areas beyond the eight formally designated "presidential sites."

The Security Council has demanded that all locations be open at all times to arms inspectors. It was evident Sunday that the hardest negotiations were on one issue, which UN officials called the potential "deal breaker." That was Iraq's insistence that if it opened its presidential sites to inspection, there would be a 60-day limit

UN officials - and all 15 Security Council members - view that demand as unacceptable, although Russian and French diplomats earlier

comment Sunday. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said that the United States would be president appear to be covered by the agreement seemed inclined to accept the time limit. It was negotiated by Mr. Annan. Further, some diponly after Moscow and Paris changed their positions on that issue that Mr. Annan felt he could

visit Iraq with solid Security Council backing.
The secretary-general apparently had to call in
French and Russian ambassadors in Baghdad
this weekend and ask them to make it very clear to Iraq that it no longer had any international support for the 60-day deadline.

Mr. Annan appears to have delivered some other tough messages to the Iraqis.

Among those was that if Mr. Saddam refused to negotiate and provoked American bombing, he would discover that the world, including many Arab nations, would support the United

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#### U.S. Reserves Judgment Officials Await Secretary-General's Report

 By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Senior Clinton ा । व्याप्त विष्ट administration officials said Sunday that they would withhold judgment on Kofi Annan's visit to Baghdad until the UN secretary-general returned to give them a detailed briefing. Even then, the officials said that they

toponer would want additional time for experts to study whatever mechanism Mr. Annan may have worked out for inspectors to visit suspected biological and chemical weapons sites in Iraq.

Mr. Annan is not expected to return from Iraq until Tuesday, and U.S. officials are not in constant contact with him over the details of his talks because there is no secure means of telephone

communications, senior officials said. The UN chief's spokesman, Fred Eckhard, said Sunday night in Baghdad that 'we've reached an agreement" that Mr. Annan expects "will be acceptable to all 15 members of the Security Council,"

including the United States. But even if President Saddam Hus-

sein has agreed to meet American and British requirements for unconditional inspections by UN weapons experts of all suspected sites, "the test of any diplomatic solution will be actions, not words, and that is a test where there is no immediate answer," a senior U.S. of-ficial emphasized Sunday.

We would obviously keep our force presence in the region until there was an opportunity to verify whether or not the access that he had acceded to was in fact available to the inspectors," President Bill Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, said on the "Fox News Sunday' program.

Secretary of State Madeleine AJbright also urged caution in judging reports of a diplomatic breakthrough from Baghdad. Referring to Mr. Annan, she said, "It really is premature to talk about what he has," and then added, "It is possible that he will come with something we don't like, in which case we will pursue our national interest." She spoke on ABC's "This Week."

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Kofi Annan, left, being welcomed by Saddam Hussein on Sunday for talks on UN weapons inspections. Between them is an Iraqi translator.

# Japan Still Under Fire As G-7 Meeting Ends

#### Lack of Stimulus Will Hit Yen, Analysts Say

By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribune LONDON - The frustration of the United States and its Group of Seven partners over Japan's unwillingness to spur its stagnant economy is likely to find quick expression in global currency markets, with the yen expected to come under heavy pressure this week, analysts said Sunday.

The policy clash at a weekend meeting here of G-7 finance officials and central bank governors also sent a worrying signal to the struggling economies of Asia. Countries such as Indonesia would normally look to Japan — the world's second-largest economy and the biggest trading partner to most Asian countries - to assist their turnaround efforts by buying more exports, but the fading prospects for economic growth in Japan will dent those hopes.

The combination of a lack of fiscal stimulus in Japan and the criticism of Japan in the G-7 are probably going the downside of the yen." said Kim Schoenholz, chief economist at Salomon Smith Barney. "I doubt it will encourage recovery in Asia."

Avinash Persaud, chief currency analyst at J.P. Morgan in London, said renewed dollar strength against the yen "is going to place renewed pressure on Asian currencies." The dollar rose 1 percent against the yen Friday, to 127.80 yen.

The criticism of Japan overshadowed some positive developments here for Asia. Export-credit agencies from the G-7 and 12 other countries agreed to extend new trade insurance to the region's economies to make up

for the withdrawal of private trade credits. The total could reach \$10 billion to \$15 billion, although the U.S. Export-Import Bank will make its support conditional on countries such as Indonesia fulfilling reform programs drawn up with the International Monetary Fund.

The assistance should send "a very positive and constructive signal of our

Criticism of Tokyo's 'virtual' policy grows louder. Page 11.

confidence in these economies," said Fumihiko Kato, chairman of the Export-Import Insurance Department of Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

Ministers here welcomed indica-

tions Sunday that President Suharto was backing away from a plan to de-fend the Indonesian rupiah with a currency board, an idea dismissed as premature by the G-7. "We think that's a constructive step, and having done L we think step is a sustained adherence to the IMF program," said Robert Rubin, the U.S. Treasury secretary Banking sources in Jakarta, however, denied that the currency-board plan had been abandoned. (Page 11)

Senior U.S. officials have been stepping up their calls for tax cuts or increased spending in Japan in recent weeks, and Mr. Rubin reiterated at every occasion here the need for "healthy, domestic demand-led growth" in Japan. But the G-7 meetgrowth" ing was notable for adding European voices to the criticism of Tokyo's

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#### In the Iraqi Capital, a Dreary Mood of Fatalism

By John Lancaster Washington Post Service

BAGHDAD - President Bill Clinton says he has no quarrel with the Iraqi people, but Amai Khedairy thinks she knows better. During the Gulf War in 1991, U.S. "smart bombs" targeted at a nearby bridge blew off the second story of her antiques shop and shattered all its windows.

You make it as if you can excuse yourself by saying your bombs are accurate," said Miss Khedairy, who has spent the last several days packing her inventory of pottery, paintings and antique rugs in anticipation of an American bombardment. "What Award in Beach His Calle. sort of logic is this? What sort of beginning is this to the

Miss Khedairy and three friends who gathered in the

sun-splashed courtyard of her shop Saturday expressed a mixture of anger, helplessness and passivity in the face of a U.S. military threat that they know they are powerless to stop. In that regard, they seemed representative of most people in this sprawling, palm-studded capital of 4 million, exhausted by seven years of crushing economic sanctions and — at least for now

- exhibiting scant evidence of preparations for another U.S. bombardment, Some residents have stocked up on water and others have left the country or fled to relatives' homes in rural areas. But they appear to be the exception. Grocers report no run on supplies in recent days, the streets are filled with traffic and young couples stroll hand in

hand across bridges or riverside promenades, enjoying a warm burst of early spring.

"Even those who are not fatalists have become

fatalists," said Miss Khedairy's friend, Souad Radhi, 80. Mrs. Radhi recalled a birthday party, complete with Champagne and smoked salmon, that she threw for one of her daughters during the last bombardment.

We are staying in our home. 'Iraqis have plenty of experience with war and its attendant hardships, having fought a grueling eight-year war with Iran in the 1980s and invaded Kuwait in 1990. "War is a normal situation in Iraq." a diplomat of considerable experience here said. "Peace is the exception.

The populace certainly has proven adept at survival.
Returning to Iraq for the first time in more than two years, an American visitor has the impression that living conditions have improved somewhat, at least in

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#### AGENDA

#### 8 Slain in Drive-By Shooting in Karachi

KARACHI, Pakistan (Reuters) — cused the police of failing to give proper protection to known activists. Shoad Buhari, a provincial MQM minister, said the breakaway Haqiqi day, the police said.

They said the gunmen fired at a shop. Five people were wounded. Spokesmen for the mainstream

wing of the Mutahida National Movement, or MQM, blamed the attack on a rival wing of the party. They ac-

PAGE TWO New U.S. Immigrants Te	st a Tenet
THE AMERICAS 5-Year-Old Arrested for A	Page 3. Assault

"monster of Florence" behind the worst serial-killing spree in Italy was found dead Sunday in his house near

this Tuscan capital. 1994 of the murders of seven couples and sentenced to life in prison, but an appellate court acquitted him in 1996. The Supreme Court ordered a new

Shoad Buhari, a provincial MQM minister, said the breakaway Haqiqi faction was to blame. "All this happened within sight of paramilitary group of people sitting in front of a rangers and police. The Haqiqi were

MQM sources said five of the dead were activists in one wing of the movement and another was a local MQM leader.

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#### **Italy Serial-Killing Suspect Found Dead**

FLORENCE (AP) — A 73-year-old farmhand who was tried as the

Pietro Pacciani was convicted in

trial, which would have started in

Seven couples camping or sitting in cars in the Tuscan countryside were killed from 1974 to 1985. Some victims were mutilated.

Mr. Pacciani, who had heart problems, apparently died of a cardiac arrest, the ANSA news agency quoted a police captain at the scene as say-



PARTY IN PRAGUE - A man waving the national flag in Wenceslas Square on Sunday as he and thousands of others celebrated the Czech hockey team's gold-medal victory over Russia. Page 20.

## Winter Games Of Bad Weather **And Good People**

Stirring Performances Showcased In Superbly Organized Olympics

By Jere Longman

NAGANO, Japan — The XVIII Winter Olympics came to a celebratory conclusion Sunday after 16 days of disruptive weather and uninterrupted good will on

the part of the Japanese people.

The Nagano Games had much to recommend them, including stirring performances from Bjorn Dahlie, the record-setting Norwegian cross-country skier, a haul of gold medals by Austrian and German alpine skiers, unprecedented efforts by Japanese stars, success by American women and local hospitality that

was warmer and more aromatic than the miso soup. "The friendliness of the people, you get the feeling of that 1,000 times more in person than on television." said Ray Olsen of Aurora, Ohio, who watched the opening ceremonies in the United States before flying to Nagano to see the Games.

Local children made origami Snowlets, the official furry creature of the games, and swans for visitors. Ice

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#### Germany at a Crossroads: Is Its Postwar Prosperity Wearing Thin? loft Hitler to power in 1933. Even the wording on American-style marketplace and the older reflexes

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

BERLIN - If there is one message that has been drummed home to Germans, as much by foreigners as by their own postwar leaders, it is that the past must never be suppressed. But are Germans - or, at

least, their politicians - suppressing the present? Even at the most obvious level, this land of 82 million people confronts enough deep-rooted problems to support the view that it stands, slightly

bewildered, at a crossroads. Unemployment is nudging toward the 5 million total associated with the joblessness that helped some jobless protesters' banners is uncannily reminiscent of similar placards in the early 1930s, and

**NEWS ANALYSIS** 

joblessness --- particularly among young people in the depressed former East Germany -- is a driving force behind an alarming wave of neo-Nazism.

The euro, Europe's planned single currency, is set next year to replace the Deutsche mark, the emblem of postwar prosperity, stability and economic power. Perhaps most fundamentally, Germany is caught between the opposing strains of the

of the welfare state. So what have Germany's leaders pulled out of

their hats to confront these deep-seated problems? The answer is: precious little. And when Germans scan the horizon for a Teutonic Bill Clinton. say, or a German Tony Blair to invigorate a moribund political establishment, they find little

inspiration. An effort last year to spur entrepreneurial initiative by overhauling the tax system foundered in a political deadlock in Bonn.

When 155 economics professors, echoing widespread misgivings among Germans, called this

month for the postponement of the euro's introduction beyond the scheduled starting date a little more than 10 months from now, Chancellor Helmut Kohl stifled all further public debate by saying the new currency would proceed on schedule. That was the end of the discussion.

peans - been told by their leaders what the euro is likely to mean for salaries and benefits, pensions, mortgages or purchasing power. Successive attempts to remodel Germany's ex-

Not once have Germans — or most other Euro-

pensive pension and health-care systems. See GERMANY, Page 6

# New Wave of U.S. Immigrants Tests a National Tenet

By William Booth

ASHINGTON --- At the beginning of this century, as steamers poured into American ports, their steerages filled with European immigrants, a Longland named Israel Zangwill penned a play whose story line has long been forgotten but whose central theme has not. His production was entitled "The Melting Pot," and its message still holds a tremendous power on the national imagination: the promise that all immigrants can be transformed into Americans, a new alloy forged in a crucible of democracy, freedom and civic responsibility.

In 1908, when the play opened in Washington, the United States was in the middle of absorbing the largest influx of immigrants in its history -Irish and Germans, followed by Italians and East Europeans, Roman Catholics and Jews- some

18 million new citizens between 1890 and 1920. Today, the United States is experiencing its second great wave of immigration, a movement of people that has profound implications for a society that by tradition pays homage to its immigrant roots at the same time it confronts complex and deeply ingrained ethnic and racial divisions.

The immigrants of today come not from Europe but overwhelmingly from the still-developing world of Asia and Latin America. They are driving a demographic shift so rapid that within the lifetimes of today's teenagers, no one ethnic group --- including whites of European descent --- will comprise a majority of the population.

This shift, according to social historians, demographers and others studying the trends, will severely test the premise of the fabled melting pot - the idea, so central to national identity, that the United States can transform people of every color and background into "one America." Just as possible, they say, the nation may fracture into many separate, disconnected communities with no shared sense of commonality or purpose. Or it may evolve into something in between, a plur-alistic society that will hold on to some core ideas about citizenship and capitalism but with little meaningful interaction among groups.

The demographic changes raise other ques-tions about political and economic power. Will that power, now held disproportionately by whites, be shared in the new America? What will happen when Hispanics overtake blacks as the nation's single largest minority?

"I do not think that most Americans really understand the historic changes happening be-fore their very eyes," said Peter Salins, an immigration scholar who is provost of the State Universities of New York. "What are we going to become? Who are we? How do the newcomers fit in? And how do the natives handle it? This is the great unknown.

Fear of strangers, of course, is nothing new in American history. The last great immigration wave produced a bitter backlash, epitomized by the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and the return in the 1920s, of the Ku Klux Klan, which targeted not only blacks but immigrants as well.

Despite this strife, many historians argue that there was a greater consensus in the past on what it meant to be an American, a yearning for a common language and culture, and a desire - encouraged if not coerced by members of the dominant white Protestant culture — to assimilate.

Today, they say, there is more emphasis on preserving one's ethnic identity, of finding ways

to highlight and defend one's cultural roots.

More often than not, the neighborhoods where
Americans live, the politicians and propositions
they vote for, the cultures they immerse themselves in, the friends and spouses they have, the churches and schools they attend and the way they view themselves are defined by ethnicity. The question is whether, in the midst of such change, there is also enough glue to hold Amer-

"As we become more and more diverse, there is all this potential to make that reality work for us," said Angela Oh, a Korean-American activist who emerged as a powerful voice for Asian immigrants after the Los Angeles riots in 1992. 'But yet you witness this persistence of segregation, the fragmentation, all these fights over resources, this finger-pointing. You would have to be blind not to see it."

It is a phenomenon sometimes difficult to measure but easy to observe. In high school cafeterias, the second- and third-generation children of immigrants clump together in cliques defined by where their parents or grandparents were born. At the law school of the University of California at Los Angeles, which has about 1,000 students, there are separate student associations for blacks, Latinos and Asians, each with its our law raviage invest? with its own law review journal.

It almost goes without saying that the new arrivals are a source of vitality and energy, especially in the big cities to which many are attracted. Diversity, almost everyone agrees, is good, choice is good and exposure to different cultures and ideas is good.

UT MANY SCHOLARS worry about the loss of community and shared sense of reality among Americans — what Todd Gitlin, professor of culture and communications at New York University, calls 'the twilight of common dreams.'

The concern is echoed by many on both the left and right, and of all ethnicities, but no one seems to know exactly what to do about it.

Researchers already speak of a new "demo-graphic balkanization," not only of residential segregation, forced or chosen, but also a preference to see ourselves through a racial prism.

The demographic shifts are smudging the old lines demarcating the historical and often distinct societies of black and white.

Whites account for 74 percent of the population, blacks 12 percent, Hispanics 10 percent and Asians 3 percent. According to data and predictions generated by the Census Bureau and social scientists. Hispanics will likely surpass blacks early in the next century. By 2050, demographers say, Hispanics will account for 25 per-cent of the population, blacks 14 percent and Asians 8 percent, with whites around 53 percent.

As early as next year, whites no longer will be the majority in California; in Hawaii and New Mexico this is already the case. Soon after, Nevada, Texas, Maryland and New Jersey are likely to become "majority minority" states, en-tities where no one ethnic group is the majority.

The overwhelming majority of immigrants come from Asia and Latin America - Mexico. the Central American countries, the Philippines,

Korea and Southeast Asia. Congress triggered this transformation in 1965,



A street in Los Angeles, where a million immigrants took the place of a million native-born U.S. citizens who fled the city from 1990 to 1995.

when it made family reunification the primary criteria for admittance under immigration law. That policy, a response to charges that the law favored white Europeans, allowed immigrants already in the country to bring over relatives, who in turn could bring over more relatives.

As a result, the country has been absorbing as many as 1 million newcomers a year, to the point that almost 1 in 10 residents is foreign-born.

The intake, relative to the overall population, was slightly higher at the beginning of the century, but the current immigration wave is in many ways very different, and its context in-exorably altered, from the last great wave.

This time around tensions are sharpened by the changing profile of those who are entering the nation. Not only are their racial and ethnic backgrounds more varied but their place in a modern postindustrial economy has also been recast.

The newly arrived can be roughly divided into those with college degrees and highly specialized skills and those with almost no education or job training. Some 12 percent of immigrants have graduate degrees, compared with 8 percent of native Americans. But more than one-third of the immigrants have no high school diploma, double the rate for those born in the United States.

About 6 percent of new arrivals receive some form of welfare, double the rate for U.S.-born

With large numbers of immigrants arriving from Latin America and segregating in barrios. there is also evidence of lingering language problems. In Miami, three-quarters of residents speak a language other than English at home and 67 percent of those say they are not fluent in English. In New York City, 4 of every 10 residents speak a language other than English at home and of these, half say they do not speak English well.

It is clear that not all of America is experiencing the impact of immigration equally. Although even small Midwestern cities have seen sharp changes in their racial and ethnic mix in the past two decades, most immigrants con-tinue to cluster into a handful of large, mostly coastal metropolitan areas: Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Miami, Washington and Houston. They are home to more than a quarter of the total U.S. population and more than 60 percent of all foreign-born residents.

UT AS THE immigrants arrive, many U.S. born citizens pour out of these cities to more homogeneous locales. New York and Los Angeles each lost more than I million native-born residents between 1990 and 1995, even as their populations increased by roughly the same numbers with immigrants.

To oversimplify, said Will Frey, a University of Michigan demographer, "For every Mexican who comes to Los Angeles, a white native-born

Most of the people leaving the big cities are white, and they tend to be working class. This is a new kind of "white flight," whereby whites are not just fleeing the city centers for the suburbs but also leaving the region and often the state.

The Ozzies and Harriets of the 1990s are skipping the suburbs of the big cities and moving to more homogeneous, mostly white smaller towns and smaller cities and rural areas," Mr.

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By Esther B. Fein

NEW YORK - Roberta Kraft is \$38,700 in debt. She owes money on her Visa card. She owes money on her American Express card. She owes money to her parents and to her best friend from college.

She and her husband have not bought

new clothes in two years and live in a cramped one-bedroom apartment be-cause they have spent all their discretionary income — and a good chunk of their future earnings — in a single par-suit: trying to have a baby. In her still unsuccessful quest, Ms.

Kraft has economized in ways she never imagined. She bought fertility drugs from a pharmacy in Mexico because. they were cheaper than those sold in her Manhattan neighborhood. She withdrew money from a retirement account. paying steep penalties. She sold a pair of. paying steep penalics. Site sold a pair or diamond earrings she had inherited; tearfully rationalizing that her grandmother would have given her blessing.

Ms. Kraft has gone to such lengths because her insurance company will fiveness few of the procedures that might

nance few of the procedures that might allow her to become pregnant. And so, in addition to the emotional ordeal that they face, she and her husband are strug-

gling with severe financial problems.

Like Ms. Kraft and her husband, more and more couples in the United States are spending all that they have as scientists develop new treatments to combat physical problems that prevent pregnancy — treatments that few insurers are willing to cover and that few people can easily afford.

To patients such as Ms. Kraft and the doctors who treat them, such refusals by insurance companies amount to discrimination. Infertility, they say, is a disease, like diabetes or emphysema, whose treatment should be covered by

any basic insurance policy.

But others question whether the inability to become a biological parent is a medical condition or a social problem. And they ask whether society should pay for costly treatments that benefit a narrow group of people when growing numbers of others lack insurance for even basic health care.

Uwe Reinhardt, a health-care economist at Princeton University, said: The debate comes down to this: Is having your own offspring with your, own genes a matter of human right? And if you can't accomplish that on your efforts to achieve it financed?"

The issue came to the fore last month, when Aetna, one of America's biggest health insurers, announced that its U.S. Healthcare health plans would no longer offer coverage for advanced infertility treatments. Officials said that because few other health plans offered such benefits in their basic packages, women, with fertility problems had been disproportionately joining U.S. Healthcare, plans, saddling Aetna with an unfair share of costs for infertility treatments.

In the United States, most people. obtain health insurance through their employer. Thirteen states require insurance plans to offer some coverage for infertility treatments. But these regulations do not cover many workers, because many businesses - those that insure themselves under provisions of a 1978 federal law — are exempt from state jurisdiction.

Advanced reproductive procedures, in which the union of sperm and egg is manipulated, are expensive. The most common procedure is in-vitro fertilization, which costs about \$8,000 for each attempt, and most conples have to try several times before they succeed.

About 6.1 million women in the United States, or 10 percent of the women of reproductive age, are infertile, according to the most recent figures from the federal government's National Center for Health Statistics. Of these, about 600,000 have tried assisted-reproductive technologies in their attempt,

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#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### South Africa's Afrikaners Wrestle With Sins of Past

#### Taipei Is Top Shop Spot

HONG KONG (Reuters) - Taipei is the cheapest place to shop among 11 major tourist destinations in the world, a survey has found. .

According to the Economist Intelligence Unit survey, completed in November and released by the Hong Kong Tourist Association, a tourist ourchasing a basket of 15 typical items would pay a total of 83,179 Hong Kong dollars (\$10,743) for the goods in Taipei, 86,377 dollars in Bangkok and 92, 115 dollars in Hong Kong.

US Airways has received U.S. approval to begin daily nonstop service May 7 to London's Gatwick Airport from its Charlotte, North Carolina, Delta Air Lines will start daily non-

stop flights July 1 between Atlanta and

#### This Week's Holidays

Banking and government offices will be closed or services curtailed in the following countries and their dependencies this week because of national and religious holidays:

MONDAY: Andorra, Arubs, Bolivia, Brazil, cuador, Guyana, Luxembourg, Netherlands Antilles,

TUESDAY: Angola, Bolivia, Brazil, Cuba, Ecuador, Estonia, French Guiana, Haiti, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Panama, Portugal, Tranidad, Uruguay,

WEDNESDAY: Cayman Islands, French Guiana, India, Jamaica, Kuwait, Mauritius, Sri Lanka,

Uruguay, Venezuela.
THURSDAY: Kuwait

FRIDAY: Bahrain, Domini SATURDAY: Taiwan. Sources: J.P. Morgan, Bloomberg.

held its first all-race elections and the white supremacist government was forced to hand over power to the black majority, many Afrikaners, the descendants of Dutch, German and French settlers who ruled for most of this century, are groping for honorable berths in the

offer his children.

place is dead.

new order. None are finding it easy. Many feel humiliated and powerless and think their very existence is under attack. They point to the work of the country's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which nearly every day hears former police and army officials with Afrikaner surnames confess to torture and murder. They say new leg-

By Suzanne Daley

New York Times Service

generation Afrikaner, Christoff Heyns

struggles these days over what to teach

his three children about their heritage. He

is uncomfortable with seemingly inno-

cent elements of his own childhood -

like khaki shorts, which ultimately be-

came a symbol of the Afrikaner right

wing. He examines traditional songs for

racist undertones. He picks through his-

torical figures for those worth admiring.

It is a strange time, he says, On the one hand, it is liberating to know that the

apartheid system his forefathers put in

"We can get on with our lives and not have to worry about being the ones running the evil empire anymore," he said.

new identity in a new South Africa. He

worries what future the country will

ises of equality for all, or take revenge

on them for sins of their ancestors?

Will the government stick to its prom-

Nearly four years after South Africa

But he must now try to carve out a

JOHANNESBURG — As an 11th-

islation threatens to force public schools that teach in Afrikaans, an offshoot of Dutch, to switch to English or African

And the civil service, once an employment agency for Afrikaners, now virtually only hires blacks. Income surveys indicate that Afrikaners are slipping down the economic ladder for the first time in decades. Shaped by more than three centuries

of harsh pioneer life, Afrikaners call themselves the white tribe of Africa. They developed a tradition that blended Europe and Africa in ways seen nowhere else — a culture in which covered wagons, German Mauser rifles, Wagnerian operas, Malaysian spices, the Old Testament and African cattle all played important parts.

During their years in power, they turned casual segregation into a rigid system called apartheid that denied blacks the vote, the right to own land where they chose and the right to an education.

But the surrender of power has left this community, about 7 percent of the population, unsure of how to go forward. Its institutions are failing. Its political flagship, the National Party, is in disarray. Christina Landman, a professor of

theology at the University of South Africa, says many Afrikaners are avoiding a moral debate about the past and their culpability. On a recent trip to a small Afrikaner town, she said, she was appalled to see how little had changed. She watched one evening as blacks were told there was no room for them in the nearly empty local restaurant. In church, she said, the minister's

sermon concerned the pain of poverty in India. But life in the nearby black town-

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ship, a cluster of metal shacks without running water, never came up.

Just what is appropriate behavior for today's Afrikaner — how much humility is necessary before an Afrikaner can defend his history and his way of doing things — is a debate that splits the community.

Even celebrations lead to fights. Two groups are battling over ceremonies for the coming 100th anniversary of the Boer War, in which perhaps a sixth of the Afrikaner population died, the men in combat, the women and children of fever, dysentery and starvation in British concentration camps.

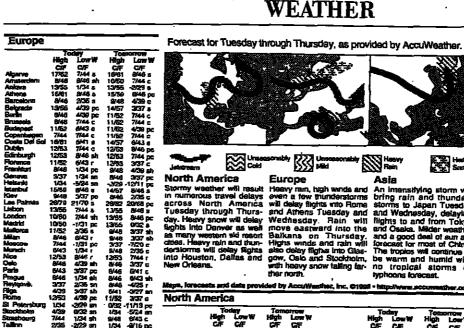
One group wants a subdued ceremony recalling the hardships that all Afrikaners endured. Its nationalist rival wants to focus on the "Bitter Enders" the guerrillas who kept fighting for months after the British took Pretoria.

The debate about just how sorry to be has also exploded inside any number of Afrikaner institutions. At Beeld, the largest and most liberal Afrikaans-language daily, a battle raged for months over whether journalists should apologize to the truth commission for abetting apartheid. Tim du Plessis, deputy editor of

Beeld, believed it was essential. The board of directors disagreed. In the end he and 127 colleagues signed individual statements saying they believed Naspers, the company that owned Beeld and other Afrikaans publications, had "formed an integral part of the power structure which implemented and maintained the system of apartheid."

The board, furious, issued a statement accusing Mr. du Plessis of "ill-con-ceived disloyalty." Colleagues of his say he was as a result passed over for promotion to the editorship of another

Many young Afrikaners say that their parents try to brush off the past. When the Truth Commission comes on television, they switch the channel. Or they blunder into absurdities. One man described his mother watching an elegant young black anchor reading the news in perfect English. "She is such a nicelooking woman," his mother said. Where were these people before?"



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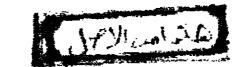
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# Who Pays Arrogance Led to Bay of Pigs Fiasco, Long-Secret CIA Report Says By Tim Weiner New York Times Service WASHINGTON — One of the most scere documents of the Cold War is out: the Central increase of the Cold War is out: the Central increase of the Cold War is out: the Central increase of the Cold War is out: the Central increase of the Cold War is out: the Central increase of the Cold War is out: the Central increase of the Cold War is out: the Central increase of the Cold War is out: the Central increase of the Cold War is out: the Central increase of the Cold War is out: the Central increase of the Cold War is out: the Central increase of the Cold War is out: the Central increase of the Cold War is out: the Central increase of the Cold War is out: the Central was "probably buried forever." Last week, after 36 years of secreey during was increased in the report. Last week, after 36 years of secreey during was increased in the report. Last week, after 36 years of secreey during was increased in the report. Last week, after 36 years of secreey during was increased in the report. Last week, after 36 years of secreey during was increased in the report. Last week, after 36 years of secreey during was increased in the report. Last week, after 36 years of secreey during was increased in the report. Last week, after 36 years of secreey during was increased in the report. Last week, after 36 years of secreey during was increased in the report. Last week, after 36 years of secreey during was increased to the secret of the

squarely on the agency's institutional arrogance. the National Security Archive, a nonprofit group. The 150-page document also cautions those unearthed the sole surviving volume, which was locked in the safe of the director of CIA.

The report, written by the CIA's inspector general, Lyman Kirkpatrick, after a six-month investigation, is a record of bungling by the best and the brightest and makes for chilling reading.

The CIA's leaders believed that it was President John F. Kennedy's failure to approve an attack on Cuba's air force to coincide with the landing of commandos that caused the deaths of nearly 1.500 raiders. And in their rebuttals to the report by Mr.

Kirkpatrick, they wrote that his depiction of "unmitigated and almost willful bumbling and - in the words of General Charles Cabell, then deputy director of the CIA - was had wanted to be the agency's spymaster, but his career advancement stalled when he contracted polio in the early 1950s.

The report said the operation, whose planning began in April 1960, started as a classic covert

cisely what it was doing."
The CIA's officers "became so wrapped up in the operation as such that they lost sight of ultimate goals." Their budget multiplied from \$4.4 million to \$46 million. Within a year, they created an unruly, ill-trained, crudely supported invasion force whose cover was blown, and whose existence had been broadly hinted at in newspaper reports before the operation took place. "Plausible denial" -- the ability of the United States to lie convincingly about its role in the invasion -

became "a pathetic illusion," the report said. With crisscrossing lines of communication and control among bases and camps in Miami, Key West, New Orleans, Nicaragua and Guatemala, all under sporadic command from headquarters, the CIA created a "complex and bizarre ormotivated by personal malice. Mr. Kirkpatrick ganizational situation" that was doomed to fail.

The officers chosen to staff the huge operation were in many instances incapable; "very few spoke Spanish or had Latin-American background knowledge," the report said.

Agency employees treated the Cubans training

but under strong persuasion, the Revolutionary Council members awaited the outcome of a military operation which they had not planned and knew little about while agency-written bulletins were issued to the world in their name."

If the CIA could not work with Cubans, Mr. Kirkpatrick warned prophetically, 'how can the agency possibly succeed with the natives of Black Africa or Southeast Asia?

President Kennedy had been in office just three months when the invasion took place. The report argued that he might not have fully grasped the details of the raid, because the CIA did not fully explain them.

The CIA convinced itself and the White House that the invasion would magically create in Cuba 'an organized resistance that did not exist,' composed of 30,000 Cubans who would "make their way through the Castro army and wade the swamps to rally to the liberators." This was selfdeception, the report said, adding dryly. "We are unaware of any planning by the agency or by the U.S. government for this success.

ammo and fighting on the beach. Please send help," and: "In water. Out of ammo. Enemy closing in. Help must arrive in next hour.

It never came. Over the next few days two. American teams and a crew of Cuban frogmen plucked 26 survivors off the beaches and reefs.

Read with hindsight, the accumulated weight of the details in Mr. Kirkpatrick's report makes a case that "the fundamental cause of the disaster" was the CIA's incompetence, not Mr. Kennedy's failure to follow through with the air raids in support of the commandos.

The agency failed the president by failing to tell him "that success had become dubious and torecommend that the operation be therefore can-

celed," it said. Peter Kornbluh, director of the National Security Archive's Cuba Documentation Project,.. called the report "one of the most important examples of self-criticism ever written inside the agency," He said it would be posted Sunday on edu/nsarchive.

#### Florida Girl, 5, Is Arrested For Assaulting **A** Counselor

By Jon Nordheimer New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Chaquita Doman is destination as Ms. Kratta gagain free to wark the success of contact the success of the destination of the success of the succ old school counselor.

Chaquita Doman is 5 and attends

Her parents took her to the Escambia County Jail on Wednesday after the police told them that a warrant had been issued for her arrest. She was booked, fingerprinted and questioned by the juvenile authorities.

"They even took her mug shot," said her grandmother, Linda Nash, "It was a shock to everyone that a 5-year-old girl was treated like that."

Chaquita's father, Lee Ernest Middleton, a tree cutter, said he was flabbergasted when he saw his daughter marched through a complete booking process. "Can you image what it's like to have your daughter fingerprinted and cility?" Mr. Middleton said.

There are other methods you could have went through before this.'

Pensacola school officials said Chaquita, who is of average size and weight for a kindergartner, had a history of "out of control" rages. The officials said they had asked that the warrant be issued as a way for the girl to get help.

They said that the attack took place on Feb. 3 at Edgewater Elementary School when Chaquita bit and scratched the counselor, Linda Green. The officials said that the child had hurled furniture, bit the counselor's arm and inflicted more than two dozen deep scratches on Ms. Green.

A warrant on a felony charge of battery against an educator was issued later for the girl. The parents agreed to surrender her last week.

Juvenile officials said that because of her age they could not discuss Chaquita's case. Her parents said they had been told the case might be dropped if they sent her for counseling.

The case was not the only one in Florida last week in which a child was arrested did." on felony charges, although children under 7 are not usually considered mentally responsible for a criminal act. On Thursday, a 6-year-old boy was arrested and handcuffed in his kindergarten class in Lakeland, Justin Rezendes, who was released after four hours, faces charges of battery on school workers and a sheriff's deputy. The boy appeared in court Friday, where a judge sentenced him to remain at home until the charges are resolved.



William Leavitt, accused of possessing deadly anthrax, being escorted from a jail in Las Vegas.

#### 7 1 17 escorted by a deputy to a juvenile facility?" Mr. Middleton said. Setzed Anthrax Found to Be Harmless

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

LAS VEGAS - Biological material suspected of being deadly anthrax turned out to be a safe form of the bacteria used in animal vaccines, and one of the two men arrested in the case was released from jail over the weekend.

Though the material turned out to be nontoxic, the FBI insisted that arresting the men on biological weapons charges had been necessary to protect the public. The material was seized and the men were arrested Wednesday outside a medical clinic on the outskirts of Las Vegas after an informer told agents the two planned to test deadly anthrax bacteria.

"Because of the potential serious threat to the community, our actions had to be quick and decisive,' Bobby Siller, special agent in charge of the FBI's Las Vegas office, said Samrday. "We had to act the way we

Tests on the material at a U.S. Army laboratory showed that it was not military-grade anthrax, which is potent enough to kill thousands of people even in microscopic

That finding means "their case goes down the toilet," said Lamond Mills, the lawyer for one of the arrested men, William Leavitt Jr. "I

drop the charges.'

Mr. Leavitt, an amateur medical researcher, was released Saturday and will remain free while the authorities decide how to handle the

The other man, Larry Wayne Harris of Lancaster, Ohio, an associate of far-right hate groups and a microbiologist who is on probation for an earlier conviction for obtaining freeze-dried bubonic plague bacteria through the mail, remained in jail and was scheduled to appear in court Monday for a hearing.

Both were charged with conspiracy to possess and possession of a biological agent for use as a weapon.

Mr. Mills said a deal to drop charges against Mr. Leavitt, 47, would require him to promise to stop some of his laboratory work.

"The past few days have been the most difficult days of my life," Mr. Leavitt said at a news conference. crying as he hugged his wife, daughter and mother. Mr. Siller declined to explain why

charges would not be dropped im-mediately. He defended the FBI's investigation, which was based on the informer's tip and statements made by the suspects, and said it

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would expect the U.S. attorney to would have been "irresponsible" not to follow up on the accusation.

Indeed, officials had some reason to be worried. Mr. Harris has said he grew anthrax cultures from material taken from cows that died in an outbreak in the 1950s, and law enforcement officials say he has traveled the Some critics have pointed out that the two met insky was seeking a book contract. country in recent years talking to anti-government groups about germ warfare.

But Mr. Leavitt, of Logandale, Nevada, had no criminal record, and friends and neighbors described him as a pillar of his local Mormon church who owned a fire safety business and had a private passion for alternative medical research in a quest for cures for AIDS, multiple sclerosis and other diseases. His lawyers said he had asked Mr. Harris to help him test an electronic machine that he had been told could kill bac-

The case frightened many around the country, especially near Las Vegas. People flooded talk-radio shows with questions about evacuation plans, the symptoms of anthrax and the safety of the region's water supply. Surplus stores sold out of stocks of gas masks. The arrests came as the United States was considering military action against Iraq for harboring biological weapons. (AP. NYT)

# Help for Lewinsky Is Defended

#### Jordan's Effort Wasn't to Buy Silence, Her Lawyer Says

By Brian Knowlton International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON - William Ginsburg, the actually did so, on Jan. 7. lawyer for Monica Lewinsky, denied Sunday that his client had received help from Vernon Jordan Jr., a friend of President Bill Clinton's. as part of any agreement to ensure her silence about allegations that she and Mr. Clinton had had a sexual relationship.

He also repeated an appeal for the public to donate funds to help Ms. Lewinsky with her legal defense expenses, saying he was having difficulty paying even his own air fare and hotel bills.

The question of whether Mr. Jordan helped Ms. Lewinsky find a lawyer and secure a job offer to buy her silence is central to the investigation that has jolted the presidency.

Mr. Jordan has said that he was assured there was no sexual relationship between the two. He has denied having done anything more than try to help a young intern find a job. Mr. Clinton, for his part, has firmly denied having had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky or seeking to influence her to lie. Mr. Ginsburg, asked Sunday whether Mr. Jordan's efforts to help Ms. Lewinsky were part of a "quid pro quo in terms of her testimony" in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case against Mr. Clinton, responded: 'Unequivocally, no. No quid pro quo.

prominent companies" for Ms. Lewinsky. She ultimately received a job offer from Revion, of which Mr. Jordan is a director. The offer was rescinded after the allegations about her relationship with Mr. Clinton emerged Jan. 21. Mr. Ginsburg asserted that Mr. Jordan and

Ms. Lewinsky had met before her name appeared on any list of potential witnesses in a personal opinion of no legal import. Mrs. Jones's civil suit against Mr. Clinton,

several times between the time it was learned that she would be called to make a swom affidavit in the Jones case and the time she

"My investigations show that she met with Vernon Jordan in early November," Mr. Ginsburg said. "As far as I'm concerned it was before she was on any noticed witness list or. had received a subpoena and therefore I don't believe the White House knew that either."

Mr. Jordan's lawyer has disputed that any meeting occurred in November, The Washington Post reported.

Mr. Ginsburg said that he had "no idea whatsoever" why his client received any special treatment from Mr. Clinton, reportedly including dozens of meetings in the White. House, gifts and phone calls. Mr. Clinton has vet to comment on why Mr. Jordan or the chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, Bill -Richardson, helped Ms. Lewinsky seek em-

Mr. Ginsburg also said he shared the feeling of Ms. Lewinsky's father, Bernard Lew-. insky, that the investigation by the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, had been abusive. Dr. Lewinsky had likened Mr. Start to Hitler. Referring to Dr. Lewinsky, Mr. Ginsburg said, "He does not like storm-trooper, overbearing, assaultive-type activities, and frankly, neither do L'

Regretting his earlier statement that if Mr. "Jordan," he added, "was very kind, very gracious and arranged some interviews with lationship with his client, it was "misogynistic," Mr. Ginburg said Sunday, "I was out." of line. I was out of control."

He stood by a statement that he and his client hoped Mr. Clinton survived the allegations because Mr. Clinton was pro-Israel and Mr. Ginsburg and Ms. Lewinsky were both Jewish. He added, however, that that was

Mr. Ginsburg also denied that Ms. Lew-

#### Clinton Reportedly Knew Of Career Aid for Ex-Intern

By Jeff Gerth and John M. Broder New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Vernon Jordan Jr., one of President Bill Clinton's closest friends, kept the president personally informed of his efforts and he has maintained that he to find a job and a lawyer for Monica Lewinsky in the days after Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern, became a potentially damaging witness in the sexual misconduct case against Mr. Clinton, according to a lawyer who knows Mr.

Jordan's version of events. Mr. Jordan's account could present a problem for the president because it would mean that Mr. Clinton was aware of the aid given to Ms. Lewinsky - an effort prosecutors are

investigating to see whether it was designed to ensure her support for the president in the Paula Jones lawsuit. Mr. Jordan has complained

to associates that neither the president nor his lawyers told him that Ms. Lewinsky had been named as a potential witness in the Jones lawsuit. When Mr. Jordan found out

that Ms. Lewinsky had been subpoenaed, the lawyer who knows of his account said, he confronted the president, and continued his efforts to help with two companies where he Clinton assured him, in a press and Revlon. White House meeting, that he had "never, no way," had a sexual relationship with her.

The lawyer said that even though Mr. Jordan had not Ms. Lewinsky to lie in a been called as a witness, he had been aware that the president considered his help im-

While potentially harmful to the president, the account appears to afford Mr. Jordan some legal protection. If he was acting on assurances that Ms. Lewinsky and Mr. Clinton did not have a sexual relationship, it will be harder to

influence her testimony.

to comment on Mr. Clinton's discussions with Mr. Jordan. Mr. Clinton has repeatedly denied having been sexually involved with Ms. Lewinsky, never encouraged anyone to lie. But he has not addressed the question of whether he asked Mr. Jordan to help her or what he knew about the assistance she received.

Mr. Jordan, in his only public statement on the matter, said at a news conference in January that he had helped Ms. Lewinsky as a matter of routine generosity after she had been "referred" to him by

#### account could present a problem for the president.

secretary. Mr. Jordan also said that Ms. Lewinsky had told him there was no sexual relationship and that he had never encouraged her to lie. Mr. Jordan said he helped Ms. Lewinsky arrange interviews Kenneth Starr, the White-

and associates that he remains

prove he tried to improperly Jordan's complaints that he was not informed Ms. Lew-. The White House declined insky might be a witness, quoted him as saying, "I, know what loyalty is, and I'm

not a fool.' Mr. Jordan's account differs in some respects from that of Ms. Lewinsky, which has been described by lawyers familiar with her version. Her lawyers have told Mr. Starr that she is prepared to testify she told Mr. Jordan she had a sexual relationship with the president.

But Ms. Lewinsky's ac-, count to prosecutors, according to the lawyers, is consistent with Mr. Jordan's version of events in this respect: She says he never encouraged her to lie.

By all accounts, in early December, Ms. Lewinsky and Mr. Jordan talked about jobs. She was leaving her job in the public affairs office of the Pentagon and wanted to work. in the private sector in New York City, where her mother lived, Mr. Jordan used his influence with three corporations: Young & Rubicam, the advertising agency; Revlon and American Express.

On Dec. 8, according to an account by The Associated Press, Ms. Lewinsky sent her résumé by courier to both Mr. Jordan and Mrs. Currie.

Three days earlier, Mr. Clinton's lawyers had been notified that Ms. Lewinsky might be called as a witness in the Jones case.

But Mr. Jordan was not told of this legal development effort finding Ms. Lewinsky a job. said the lawyer who knows Mr. Jordan's account. By Dec. 19, however, Mr.

Jordan knew Ms. Lewinsky needed legal help when she Mr. Jordan has told friends appeared at his office saying she had been subpoensed to loyal to the president. But that testify in the Jones case, the loyalty may be undergoing its lawyer said Mr. Jordan called a lawyer friend, Francis

#### **Away From Politics**

• Julian Bond, 58, a former Georgia state senator and a civil rights pioneer, has been elected chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mr. Bond is a history professor, a frequent radio and television commentator and chairman of the NAACP's Crisis Magazine. (AP)

 A federal judge has restored the U.S. citizenship of John Demjanjuk, the retired auto worker cleared of being the Nazi death-camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible." Mr. Demjanjuk, 77, was stripped of his citizenship in 1981 and extradited to Israel in 1986. His conviction there of crimes against humanity was overturned on appeal and he was freed after seven years in prison. (AP)

• With food-allergy awareness on the rise, nuts have become a major source of concern, with some schools banning peanut butter and restaurants and food processors scrambling to avoid mixing nuts with other foods.

• The Trapp family, immortalized in The Sound of Music," has asked the Vermont Supreme Court to resolve a bitter dispute between two factions of the family - whether minority stockholders in the family corporation were Paid enough when they were bought out by another family group in 1995. (NYT)

#### Ex-Governor of Arkansas To Cooperate With Starr

charges and cooperate with prosecutors from the office of the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, who want to matters involving President Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Based on discussions with Mr. Tucker, Mr. Starr's office said that prosecutors believed Mr. Tucker's cooperation would "constitute substantial assistance to the United States."

Prosecutors have wanted to ask him about the Clintons' involvement with a failed Arkansas savings and loan association and about Mrs. Clinton's legal work on the Castle Grande real-estate development south of Little Rock, a project federal officials have described as a series of sham loan transactions. Mrs. Clinton has said she remembers few details of

her work on the project while working as a lawyer at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock, Mr. Tucker was involved in some of the Castle Grande transactions. Mr. Starr's office also has been investigating whether there were efforts in the 1992 campaign and after the idential race," according to the report. Clintons arrived in Washington to conceal legal work

Mrs. Clinton did for Madison Guaranty Savings &

Loan, or to try to derail a federal criminal investigation

Under the arrangement Mr. Tucker and a co-defendant agreed to plead guilty to a single conspiracy count in exchange for a recommended sentence of probation and financial restitution to the government. The two were partners in a cable TV company and were night. What else do they have to do?'

charged with creating a sham bankruptcy to avoid paying taxes on profits when they sold the firm. (WP)

#### Democrats Say China Failed WASHINGTON — Jim Guy Tucker, former governor of Arkansas, has agreed to plead guilty to fraud To Influence 1996 Elections

WASHINGTON - Efforts by the Chinese govquestion him about financial transactions and other erament to influence American elections in 1996 did not have any impact on the presidential campaign, said a draft report prepared by Democrats on the Senate committee investigating campaign-finance abuses.

The declassified report by the Democrats sought to counter one of the most explosive accusations of the campaign-finance scandal and contradicted assertions in a report prepared by Republicans on the committee. The report acknowledged that evidence was obtained from intelligence agencies that the Chinese

American elections through lobbying and possibly illegal actions. But it said that the intelligence data did not support the more sensational claims. "As set forth in the nonpublic information provided to the committee, the China Plan was not designed to funnel campaign contributions into American elections, nor was it aimed at influencing the 1996 pres-

government had approved a plan to try to influence

#### Quote/Unquote

Monica Lewinsky, the former White House intern. surveying the crowd from the top of an escalator after she came out of a restaurant a few blocks from the White House: "Washington is so boring on a Saturday

Vernon Jordan's

Betty Currie, the president's Ms. Lewinsky only after Mr. was a director, American Ex-

water independent counsel, is investigating whether Mr. Clinton or anyone else urged been 1: ld Ms. Lewinsky had sworn statement about her re- even as he put in considerable lationship with the president. He is also looking into whether Mr. Jordan or others helped find her a job in New York as part of an effort to buy her

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One friend, repeating Mr. Carter, to set up a meeting.

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An Unofficial Delegation Cuts Through 'Ritual' to Address Taiwan

By John Pomfret Washington Post Service

BEUING - One week before Secretary of Defense William Cohen arrived in Beijing for talks last month, his predecessor, William Perry, slipped into town at the head of a high-level delegation of former U.S. officials.

Mr. Cohen's visit dealt mostly with generalities, wrapped, one official said, in "the stultifying ritual of Chinese

likashvili; a former national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, and a former assistant secretary of defense for international security policy, Ashton Carter, focused on one of the most potentially explosive areas in Asia: the Strait of Taiwan and relations between Beijing and the increasingly independenceminded 21 million people of Taiwan.

After seeing officials here, Mr. Perry spent three days in Taiwan, where he told political leaders that they should not count on U.S. military support if they were to officially declare independence. China has threatened to attack Taiwan if it rejects the decades-old idea that there is one China by declaring itself a new

Mr. Perry's mission was part of a delicate attempt by the U.S. government to open an informal back channel of communication between Beijing and Taipei, U.S. officials said. After years of frustrating official talks over Taiwan. U.S. officials have encouraged the formation of what they call a "track 2" dialogue between the mainland and Taiwan with the aim of decreasing tension between the two adversaries.

Washington has used business leaders. former officials and free-lance patriots as messengers around the world before. The magnate Armand Hammer passed messages to the Soviet Union in the 1930s. In recent years, the financier George Soros has backed U.S. government programs in Bosnia-Herzegovina

But Mr. Perry's unofficial trip to China was unusual because its participants made no attempt to disguise its official backing. It was one of a series of meetings planned for the next few years, sponsored by Harvard University and the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

NEW DELHI - The main Hindu

nationalist party threatened Sunday to stage nationwide protests over the dismissai during a general-election cam-

paign of its government in the country's

Nationwide, 183 constituencies with 201 million registered voters went to the polls Sunday. A total of 222 seats in the 545-seat lower house of Parliament were

decided in the first round last week, and

the remaining vote will be spread over

Atal Bihari Vajpayee, leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party, began an in-

definite hunger strike at midnight Sat-

urday, hours after the Uttar Pradesh ad-

ministration, which is led by his party,

was dismissed by the state's governor.

First, two key allies of the party with-drew their support, reducing the state

government to a minority. Within hours,

Governor Romesh Bhandari installed a

new government led by the deserting

parties, ignoring assertions by the out-going chief minister, Kalyan Singh, that

he could still muster a majority in the

Mr. Vajpayee charged that the governor had misused his authority and de-

"In the dark of the night, Kalyan Singh's government was dismissed to

affect voting in Uttar Pradesh," Mr. Vajpayee said. He called the dismissal a

coup aimed at seizing the state ma-

The Bharatiya Janata Party was expected to emerge with the largest number

chinery to influence the voting.

manded his resignation.

four more days.

The former defense secretary and his colleagues were given briefings at the box" with his Chinese interlocutors. Pentagon and other agencies before departing for China and Taiwan. And U.S. ister Chi Haotian and Lieutenant Gen-Pentagon and other agencies before de-parting for China and Taiwan. And U.S. officials, frustrated at the slow pace of U.S.-China security ties, spoke openly of their hope that Mr. Perry could achieve some success.

A senior U.S. administration official called the talks "a useful and necessary component of a not-very-productive official dialogue.

Official dialogue on Taiwan with But Mr. Perry's delegation, which in-chuded a former chairman of the Joint he added, noting that senior U.S. of-Chiefs of Staff, General John Sha- ficials have been banned by the U.S. government from traveling to Taiwan since Washington switched recognition to Beijing in 1979. "This is a way to get away from the formulaic and ritualistic nature of many of our contacts."

Kurt Campbell, deputy assistant secretary of defense for Asian and Pacific affairs, was more extravagant in his

"Bill Perry is a latter-day George Marshall," he said in a reference to the American general's failed mission to China after World War II to patch up relations there between the Communist and Nationalist parties. "This is the most significant delegation to go to China since 1994. His 'track 2' could be a tremendous testing area.''

The Pentagon also hopes that the offline contacts with China might encourage Beijing to cooperate more in sensitive areas with the U.S. government such as in North Korea and the Gulf -by creating an informal talk shop where prominent American and Chinese figures can exchange views without the restrictions of formal meetings.

Official U.S. efforts to prod Beijing to release intelligence about what is happening in North Korea have not been as successful as many officials would have liked Similar attention to the successful as many officials would have the liked. Similar attempts to persuade the Chinese military to undertake joint ex- wrong." ercises for disaster relief with U.S. forces have met with resistance.

The Perry talks are also a way for Americans to seek broader contacts with the Chinese security establishment. U.S. talks with Taiwan "with no preconmilitary officers are trying to overcome Beijing's unwillingness to allow them access to Chinese operations officers battalion, brigade or division commanders, ship captains and air squadron lead-

Indian Hindu Party Protests State Shift

eral Xiong Guangkai, chief of Chinese

military intelligence.

Participants say one benefit of the discussions is that they allow the Pentagon to raise ideas with the Chinese without having to first explain them to Congress, which has at times taken a dim view of U.S.-China military ties and has ordered the Pentagon to report all of its contacts with the Chinese military.

Congressional sources and some Pentagon officials say one potential downside is that former officials involved in the trip might use the official imprimatur of "track 2" contacts to push their business interests. Mr. Scow-croft has lobbied in China on behalf of American companies, as have many other former American officials.

In Beijing, Mr. Perry urged China to resume talks with Taiwan over economic, cultural and trade issues. Those talks were suspended in 1995 after President Lee Teng-hui became the first leader of Taiwan to visit the United States since

When he went to Taiwan, Mr. Perry told senior opposition figures that the United States would probably not defend Taiwan independent and a state of the stat a new, independent nation. Taiwan of-ficials said his remarks constituted, for them, the most significant signal in years about U.S. intentions toward Taiwan.

"I gave them a pretty blunt assess-ment." Mr. Perry said of his talks with Chen Shui-bian and Hsu Hsin-liang, leaders of the Democratic Progressive Party, which supports independence. 'There is a possibility that they could be in power one day. I just wanted them to

On the surface, Beijing seems to have supported Mr. Perry's trip. Five days after he left China, the Foreign Ministry announced that it was willing to resume ditions." Taiwan did not immediately agree to resuming talks, but U.S. officials say they are optimistic that the impasse could be broken this year.

"We told both sides that there is lowers. hanging fruit that easily could be Mr. Perry said in an interview that the plucked here," Mr. Carter said.

"At the risk of finding other view-

points, the commission is finding it a very

satisfying day," the chief election com-

turnout of 55 percent in the 183 con-

stituencies spread across nine states and

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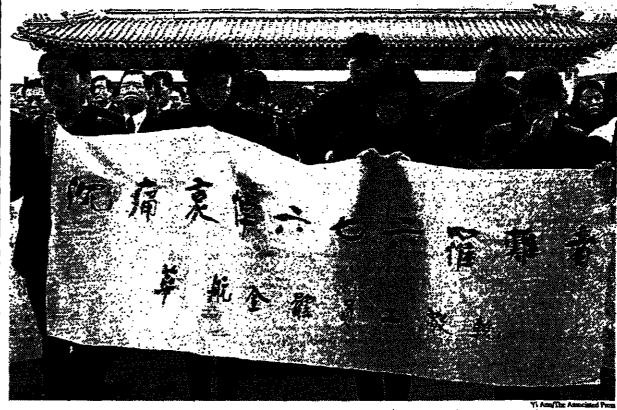
one federally administered territory.

Election officials reported a moderate

Voting ends March 7 in all but two

missioner, Manohar Singh Gill, said.

#### BRIEFLY



Employees of China Airlines at a funeral service Sunday holding a banner expressing grief for the victims of a plane crash Feb. 16 near Taipei. A newspaper reported that the plane was flying at an unusual altitude.

#### Taiwan Jet Flew at Odd Altitude

TAIPEI — A China Airlines jet that crashed last week near Taipei's airport, killing 202 people, was flying well above the standard altitude when it approached the runway, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Radar showed that when the Airbus A300-600R was about five kilometers (three miles) from the airport, the jetliner was flying at 390 meters (1,300 feet), much higher Indonesia Ban on Protest Begins than the standard approach of 270 meters, the China Times Express said. The pilots attempted to descend quickly to correct the mistake, the paper said, quoting unidentified aviation officials.

No official reason for the plane's crash has been given, but investigators say the plane veered sharply to the left as it came in to land. It then crashed beside a runway and

#### Rocket Failure Ruins Satellite

TOKYO - The Japanese space agency said Sunday that multimillion-dollar communications satellite was inoperable after a domestically developed rocket failed to send it into a proper orbit.

The agency is studying why its H-2 rocket did not complete a second-stage burn, scuttling the mission Saturday. It was the first time such a rocket had failed, officials said.

The failure comes as Japan's fledgling National Space Development Agency is trying to turn itself from an ex-pensive government project into a commercial satellitelaunching operation.

#### Blackout Hits New Zealand City

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — The local power com- Prime Minister Hun Sen as a "strongman." pany warned residents and businesses in the city center

Only 30 percent of the central district had electricity after a power cable failed Friday for no apparent reason. The power company, Mercmy Energy, said that percentage would drop to 10 percent Monday, leaving only hospitals and emergency services with electricity.

Residents were advised to throw out thawed food and to seek shelter elsewhere until power was restored. (Reuters)

JAKARTA - A 25-day ban on street protests went into effect Sunday in Indonesia, which has been shaken by

Interior Minister Yogie Memet said last week that all protests would be banned around the time the People's Consultative Assembly meets, from next Sunday until March 11. At the assembly, President Suharto is expected to be elected to a seventh five-year term.

The order was issued as unrest mounted in the nation of 200 million people, which is facing its worst financial crisis in decades. Mobs angered by rising food prices have burned shops in a score of towns in recent weeks.

#### King Regrets a Life in Politics

PHNOM PENH - King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia said Sunday that his experience in politics had been humiliating and that he wished members of the royal family would abstain from politics.

If the Cambodian royal family wants to give any chance (Reuters) to the monarchy to survive, its members must abstain from making politics or competing with 'strongmen,' " the king said in remarks released by the palace.

King Sihanouk, who serves as head of state in Cambodia's constitutional monarchy, typically refers to Second

Mr. Hun Sen ousted Sihanouk's son, Prince Norodom support moves to ban royalty from politics.

#### Sunday not to expect their electricity to be restored before Ranariddh, as first prime minister and has said he would How the sudden dismissal of the Uttar Pradesh state government might affect the national election was unclear. But it shifted attention away from the second stage of voting for a federal government.

By Carl Gewirtz

PARIS — No surprises were expected, none were produced and so the weekend meeting of the Group of Seven finance ministers and central bankers has cleared the way for the yen to seriously weaken, analysts said.

Whether it does fall, said John Llewellyn at Lehman Brothers in London, depends on whether traders finally give up fearing an imminent turnaround in Japanese policy. Such expectations, he said, have kept the yen stronger so far this year than had generally been ex-

"The Japanese have been playing a risky game." Mr. Llewellyn said. "They keep promising they will do something, they keep saying a policy change is just around the corner. But it keeps not coming. Now they say a fiscal

expansion plan will be announced after week in New York. the budget is approved, end-March or early April.

With No Sign of Support, Yen Teeters on Brink

But there is a risk that there may come a point where people just lose confidence in Japanese management of the economy," he added. "It could happen."

John Lipsky at Chase Manhattan in
New York said. "The way is now clear

for the dollar to push toward 140 year over the next few months - unless the Japanese produce much more decisive action" to get the economy moving.

But the expected move may not begin until the start of the new fiscal year, on April 1, said Brendan Brown at Tokyo-Mitsubishi Bank in London. He noted that in contrast to all expectations, the yen this year has been one of the best performing currencies — up 2.1 percent against the dollar and up 3.3 percent versus the Deutsche mark.

The dollar finished at 127.955 yen last

There was an enormous amount of foreign bonds sold by Japanese institutions in November and December. totaling 4.9 trillion yen (\$38.28 billion). Mr. Brown estimated that the bonds largely U.S. Treasury securities - were sold to repay dollar loans that at the time could be rolled over only at a stiff premium and thus were not a factor influ-.

encing the exchange rate. But a slowdown in Japanese foreign direct investments and a drop in offshore lending by banks and insurance companies interrupted the normal recycling of Japan's huge trade surplus, he said, putting upward pressure on the exchange

"A big increase in portfolio outflows into foreign bonds is being held by endyear considerations," he said, and once they are out of the way, "we will see a

#### YEN: Lack of Confidence in Tokyo Policy Is Seen Hitting Markets

Continued from Page 1 policies. The ministerial com-

muniqué was unusually blunt, calling Japan's economic outweak" and citing the view of the IMF executive director, Michel Camdessus, that "there is now a strong case for fiscal stimulus to support activity during 1998." Hans Tietmeyer, the pres-

ident of the Bundesbank, Germany's central bank, criticized the piecemeal character of Japan's frequent reform packages, including a batch of measures announced Friday aimed at bolstering banks and

by the Japanese, but they were sharply last year to close its minister, Hikaru Matsunaga. Mr. Matsunaga insisted that Japan's latest measures had simply been misunderstood by its allies. Although officials in Tokyo have suggested the pos-sibility of supplementary programs after the budget for the sunaga gave no hint of any such plans.

Analysts say the government of Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto has fixed itself e stock market.

On a deficit-reduction policy
G-7 officials did not expect that may be self-defeating.

cent of gross domestic product this year — sharply higher than Italy's, for example growth. In contrast to the colpolicy, finance and labor ministers from the G-7 countries fiscal year beginning April 1 is and Russia struck a note of approved next month, Mr. harmony in discussions over ways to promote job creation.

The Group of Seven com-Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United States. Russia began participating in G-7 meetings last year and wants to be made part of a formal

Group of Eight" this year. The ministers agreed on a on this from the moral lebroad set of principles for em-

any fresh commitments here. The government raised taxes ployment policies, such as improving education and training struck by the defensive posture budget gap, but the deficit is for the long-term unemployed. of the country's new finance expected to remain at 4 per- reforming tax and benefit systems to make low-paid work because the taxes have stifled creation of small businesses.

U.S. officials did not hide lision over Japan's fiscal their disapproval of France's proposed 35-hour work week. and Mr. Rubin urged Europe and Russia struck a note of not to lose sight of the need for structural reform of its labor markets in the drive toward monetary union. But there was none of the British-American crowing about the benefits of ized previous G-7 discussions on jobs, particularly last year's summit meeting in Denver. "We're not speaking on this from the moral high

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Bhandari be fired for an "outrageous

Scattered violence marred the second

But officials said polling was far more

peaceful than last week, when 23 people

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persons were killed, six of them in Bihar, a province plagued by crime and caste

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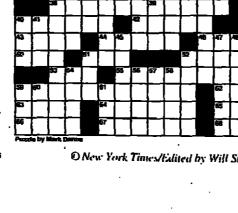
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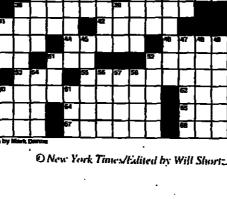
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# Russia to Finish Iranian Reactor It Will Expand Role Despite U.S. and Israeli Objections

By David Hoffman

MOSCOW - Russia has decided to apand its role in building a controersial nuclear power station in Iran. spite objections from the United ares and Israel that the technology bould be useful in creating a nuclear

At issue is Russia's \$780 million conract to build a 1,000-megawan lightwater reactor at Bushehr on the Gulf coast, finishing a project that was started by Germany in 1979 and later suspen-

The United States has sought to thwart completion of the atomic power plant even though Iran and Russia have denied that it could provide Iran with huclear weapons technology, Viktor Mikhailov, the Russian min-

ster of atomic energy, said that he had recently visited the site and found the construction lagging.

He said that Russia was "finishing"

the first of two planned atomic reactors. The surrounding buildings and auxilary construction were supposed to be plane was flying at an union ably will not be able to cope" with that

So, in my last meeting with the

and he went along with me." Mr. Mikhailov said, "Otherwise all the deadlines will be broken." He said that the original deadline for finishing the atomic power station was 55 months. but that in the last 25 months, the Iranians had completed only the equivalent of five months of construction,

There is a terrific lag," he said. because of the Iranians' difficulties, which he did not specify. "All the rest, Russia will do itself."

He vowed that Russia would finish the full power plant in 30 months.

Iran has offered to put the plant under international safeguards. Under pressure from President Bill Clinton, President Boris Yeltsin of Russia agreed in 1995 not to sell Iran gas-centrifuge uranium-enrichment technology, which could be used to make bomb-grade uranium.

But some U.S. and Israeli officials have continued to question the nature of Russia's cooperation with Iran on nuclear matters and in transferring technology for building intercontinental ballistic missiles.

"I am sometimes asked, perhaps is Iran making a nuclear bomb?" Mr. Mikhailov said. "Well, it is not. And at the risk of offending my Iranian colleagues, Iran's potential today is such that perhaps they dream of building a

By James F. Clarity

New York Times Service

Northern Ireland peace talks working

toward an agreement by May 1 on the future of this British province, the gov-

emments of Britain and the Irish Re-

public have decided that terrorist attacks

by Roman Catholic and Protestant

splinter groups will not stop the ne-

gotiations, as they have several times

Officials say the decision is a matter

of new emphasis and attitude, rather

than new policy. Attacks by splinter

groups lead to delays and partisan

the talks, jeopardizing the completion of

any agreement must be put to almost

immediate referendums here and in the

Irish Republic. The governments feel

that if a delay lasted into June or July, a

peace agreement would become tangled

in the sectarian disruption and violence

that comes with the annual Protestant

patriotic marches that anger many Cath-

The officials add that only two events

could now break down the talks. One

would be an open, admitted, provable

act of violence by one of the major

paramilitary groups with direct links to

parties at the negotiations. The other

would be the assassination of a prom-

groups was signaled three weeks ago

when both Prime Minister Tony Blair of

American senator who is chairman of

the talks, said that the small, but skilled

and vicious groups, would persist in

Fein president, said his party would not

be deterred by "Republican militants,"

that is, Catholic splinter guerrilla groups who oppose Sinn Fein. The Irish prime

minister, Bertie Ahern, in an interview

on Irish Republic television, made the

new attitude explicit. He said that if new attacks are by "isolated mavericks," then "we can't be blown off course by

He defended the joint British-Irish

decision Friday to expel Sinn Fein until

March 9 because the Irish Republican.

Army was believed to have been in-

volved in the killing of two civilians in Belfast two weeks ago.
"Those were not isolated, but well planned," he said.

The decision reflects a determination

to avoid disruptions and the kind of

political invective that was sparked by

the governments' expulsion from the

talks on Friday of Sinn Fein, the polit-

ical wing of the overwhelmingly Cath-

On Sunday, Gerry Adams, the Sinn

terrorist acts in the coming weeks.

Britain and George Mitchell, the former

The new attitude toward splinter

inent figure in the talks.

a peace settlement by the deadline.

echmaking, calls for expulsion from

The deadline is important because

since the talks began 20 months ago.

BELFAST - In order to keep the

**Splinter Group Violence** 

Won't Stop Ulster Talks

Britain and Ireland Signal Shift in Policy

But, he said, "it still has a long way to

#### ■ EU to Discuss Iran

Tensions between the European Union and the United States over relations with Iran appear ready to resurface this week, Agence France-Presse reported from Brussels.

At talks in the Belgian capital Monday. EU foreign ministers are expected to take the first step toward normalizing relations with Tehran. These have effectively been on ice since the Islamic regime was implicated in terrorism in Germany last yea

Diplomats said EU governments had reached a consensus on the need to respond positively to the more conciliatory signals coming out of Iran recently.

The terms of the new relationship are to be thrashed out by the ministers, but diplomats said it was unlikely that the EU would end its current tight controls on Iranian embassies in Europe, many of which have been used as bases for secret service activities.

The EU's decision to suspend its previous policy of "critical dialogue" with Iran, made last April, followed a German court ruling that senior Iranian officials were involved in the organization of the assassination of four Kurdish dissidents in a Berlin restaurant in 1992.

olic IRA. But the governments never disclosed the evidence they said they

had linking the two killings to the

A month earlier, Dublin and London, the sponsors of the talks, had suspended

the Ulster Democrats, who represent a

Protestant paramilitary group, the Ul-

ster Freedom Fighters, from the talks

The governments have also tentatively

decided to move the talks out of these

islands to a secret location, possibly in

Continental Europe, in their final

weeks, to obviate the dilatory practice of

negotiating politicians making daily at-

tacks on their opponents to waiting re-

The Ulster Democrats are to be re-

instated when the talks resume here on

Monday; Sinn Fein may return after

The Northern Ireland secretary, Mo

March 9 if there has been no IRA vi-

Mowlam, has said that there would be

"no second chances" for mere sus-

pensions of political parties linked to

terrorist groups who commit violence.

Fein has been pouting, in the view of

officials and experts, hinting that they

may not return to the talks once the

suspension is ended. Sinn Fein called

for peaceful, disciplined public protests

of the decision. Within eight hours of

the expulsion, late Friday night, a 500-

pound (227-kilogram) bomb ripped the

predominantly Protestant village of

Moira, southwest of here, wounding 11

people, crumbling the wall of a police

station and causing millions of pounds

Local Unionist politicians, ordinary

residents and some local policemen said

the attack was by the Continuity IRA, a

splinter group that has detonated two other bombs, without hurting anyone, in

the last 19 months. Fears rose imme-

diately that the attack would disrupt the

peace talks and lead to retaliatory vi-

The Continuity IRA is a splinter group and under the government's new attitude, there is unlikely to be any effort

to link them to the IRA, which has

insisted that the cease-fire it declared on

groups oppose Sinn Fein's participation

in the talks, saying they will not achieve

the traditional Republican goal of a united Ireland, free of British control,

run from the overwhelmingly Catholic

have to accept a "transitional arrange-

ment" in which the Irish Republic is

given more influence in Northern af-

fairs. In the view of radical Republicans,

Mr. Adams concedes that he may

Continuity IRA and other Republican

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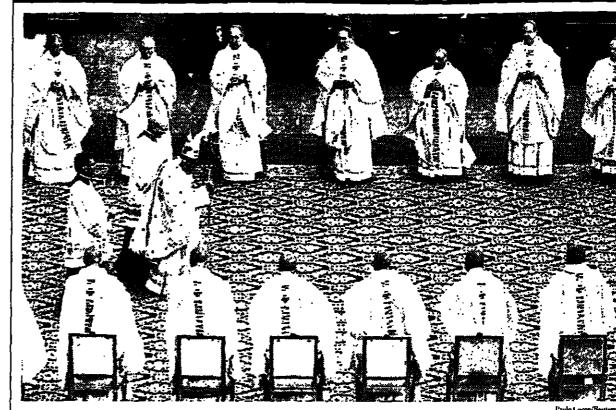
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In the wake of the expulsion, Sinn

olence in the meantime.



Pope John Paul II walking between ranks of newly elevated cardinals Sunday during a Vatican ceremony.

### Pope's Vision for the Millennium

By William Drozdiak Wasiumeton Post Service

VATICAN CITY - Two years from now, Pope John Paul II hopes to fulfill one of his most cherished dreams. If his health permits and papal diplomacy is successful, he will ascend to the top of Mount Sinai with leaders from the Jewish and Islamic faiths to hold the first summit meeting

of monotheistic religions. Having toured 150 countries, helped inspire the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and just completed a path-breaking visit to Cuba, the spiritual guide of the world's I billion Roman Catholics shows no signs of

curbing his foreign policy ambitions. Even though the 77-year-old pontiff is struggling with what is rumored to be the effects of Parkinson's disease, six bouts of surgery and bullet wounds from a 1981 assassination attempt, he appears determined to press ahead

with his vision for a new millennium. "His great hope is to awaken the entire world to the dignity and responsibility of defending human rights," said Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, president of the Vatican's Council for Justice and Peace and one of the Pope's most influential advisers on international affairs. "He is driven by the historic prospect of closer connections between the great religions, and with a little luck we will make it happen.

Besides building bridges to other faiths, John Paul is still working toward a reconciliation with the Russian Orthodox Church. At the same time, Vatican officials say he wants to solidify the Roman Catholic base in the Third World and enhance its global influence in the 21st century.

This agenda reflects the Pope's confidence in his ability to shape his evangelistic message in an era of global markets and instant communications. Perhaps no other leader - religious or secular - so effectively reaches out to every corner of the planet.

Yet in some ways, the Polish-born pontiff's philosophy seems paradoxical. While preaching liberty for oppressed peoples in Eastern Europe and the Third World, he does not tolerate public dissent within his own church.

By Philip Shenon
New York Times Service

officials say that a new Pentagon report

has found that the direct costs of ab-

sorbing Poland, Hungary and the Czech

Republic into the alliance will be \$1.5

billion over 10 years - much lower

scheduled to be made public Monday,

clash with estimates released last year

by the Defense Department, which initially found that the total cost of the

enlargement to NATO would be as

Administration officials said the

Pentagon was able to scale back the

estimates so sharply because a detailed

review by NATO's military command-

ers found that the defense infrastructure

of the new members is in much better

condition than expected. Moreover, the

old study assumed there would be four

said they saw a cynical effort by the

administration and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to manipulate the

numbers to placate senators who might

oppose the enlargement because of the

cost. The Pentagon report accepts cost

estimates that were originally produced

by NATO, which has sought to play

There have been a series of es-

down the expense of expansion.

But critics of NATO enlargement

new NATO members, not three.

much as \$7.2 billion over 13 years.

The findings of the report, which is

than earlier estimates.

He can sound like a progressive radical when he condemns social injustice and unbridled materialism, yet can act like a doctrinaire conservative concerning his and the church's long-held positions against contraception and ordination of women as priests.

He has received intense criticism in parts of the Third World for his opposition to artificial birth control, even when used to prevent the spread of AIDS or to limit population growth. In North America, his stand against women priests has provoked outrage among feminists and many Catholic liberals.

Still, John Paul remains enormously popular. His 1994 book, "Crossing the Threshold of Hope," a series of written answers to a journalist's questions that summarized his religious philosophy, became one of the biggest sellers in publishing history.

Paul Collins, an Australian priest and author of the book "Papal Power," said John Paul's status, promoted through television and jet travel, have given him "a peculiar ability to impose his agenda" and created a new situation in church history, "the seem-

ingly omnipresent papacy." John Paul, the first non-Italian pontiff in nearly five centuries, fluent in eight languages, has made 81 trips abroad during his 20-year papacy and appointed a record number of cardinals from Asia, Africa and Latin America, continents where the Roman Catholic Church is flourishing even while it loses support in the West.

Despite his frailties, the Pope is focused on spiritual celebration of the year 2000 as the crowning achievement of his career. Vatican officials say his mentor, Warsaw's late Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, told him on the day of his accession in 1978 that he was anointed by God to lead the church into the third millennium. The cardinal's words, officials say, have sustained the Pope and inspired his grand designs for the Jubilee Year.

Now that he has returned from Cuba, one of Communism's last bastions, John Paul is setting his sights on Russia. He met this month with President Boris Yeltsin and sought his support to resolve a property dispute that

has thwarted another of his millen-

nium goals: what he calls "total com-munion" between the Roman Cath-olic and Eastern Orthodox faiths.

Russian Orthodox leaders have rejected Vatican appeals to return properry their church acquired when the Soviet authorities shut down Eastern Rite Catholic churches, mainly in Ukraine. Mr. Yeltsin's spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, said the president "does not want to interfere" in the conflict but hopes both churches 'have enough wisdom, patience and goodwill" to resolve the argument so

papal trip to Russia can proceed. In "Toward the Third Millennium," his 1994 apostolic letter, John Paul offered some insights into what is driving his peripatetic papacy. He said he wanted to promote a spiritual renaissance at the dawn of the 21st century — a goal he said could be considered the defining "key of my pontificate' - to establish a new moral doctrine distinct from the 20thcentury secular philosophies of com-

munism and capitalism. His desire to reach out to other religions has not always succeeded. John Paul was said to be deeply hart when Buddhist priests boycotted a papal visit to Sri Lanka after they complained they were insulted when he described their religion as "in large measure, an atheistic system." He tried to make amends by declaring his "profound respect and sincere esteem" for Buddhism, but the rancor has persisted

Officials at the Vatican say the Pope's ecumenical message has aided the Catholic Church's expansion in the Third World, His pastoral visits to Africa and Asia have won vast numbers of converts. In Latin America, where the church has been challenged by Protestant evangelists, he has tried to use his popularity to restore support.

Early in his papacy, he clashed with priests and others in Latin America whose "liberation theology" backed various quasi-Marxist movements. The Pope has healed this rift and sympathizes with much of their reformism. That has improved the church's image in the Third World, which some Vatican officials say will be John Paul's second-greatest foreign policy legacy, after the demise of communism.

#### BRIEFLY

#### Georgian Gunmen Release a Hostage

TBILISI, Georgia — The kid-nappers of four United Nations military observers released one of their hostages Sunday as a result of negotiations with Georgia's security minister and other officials.

According to Kakha Dzikia, a parliament deputy and hostage negotiator, Captain Julio Navas of Uruguay was released as a result of talks that took place after the nationalist gunmen made a new de-

The UN observers, taken hostage Thursday, were being held in the western village of Dzhikhas-

Earlier, one of the kidnappers said on Georgian television they wanted a former top political leader, Nemo Burchuladze to be brought in to take part in the negotiations. (AP)

# In Turkey, Farewell To Welfare Party

ANKARA - The Welfare Party ceased to exist Sunday after losing a bitter fight with the secular establishment over the role of Islam in public life.

Publication in the official gazette gave legal force to a constitutional court verdict issued last month. ending an anxious limbo for both the islamists and their critics. The verdict shut down the party

and imposes heavy restrictions on the Welfare leader and former prime minister, Necmettin Erbakan. About 150 Welfare deputies now

have no party affiliation. They will, however, still make up the largest opposition group in the 550-seat chamber.

#### Car Burnings Hit Strasbourg Again

STRASBOURG — A dozen cars were set on fire here from Thursday to Sunday, a fire service spokesman said.

Last month Strasbourg was at the center of a wave of unrest in French cities. In two weeks, more than 100 cars in the city were burned. (AFP)

#### For the Record

Fires in two Paris apartment buildings killed eight people early Sunday, the authorities said. One blaze was set off by a malfunctioning water heater, officials said, while the second was accidentally lit by a drug addict.

President Franjo Tudjman was unanimously re-elected to lead the ruling Croatian Democratic Union, the media reported Sunday. The only candidate in the secret ballot late Saturday, Mr. Tudiman won without any dissenting vote, state-run television re--ported.

Brazilian Film Wins

Top Award in Berlin

The Associated Press

BERLIN — The Brazilian film Central do Brasil" ("Central Sta-

Silver Bears went to "Wag the Dog."

The best actor awards went to Samuel

## In Denmark, Political Parties Start Up Campaign Machinery

COPENHAGEN — The campaign machinery of Denmark's political parties shifted into top gear over the weekend after Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen's surprise call for early national elections March 11. The economy is healthy and the two

competing blocs' views on major issues foreign policy, the European Union, NATO membership and economic policy - are very similar. Analysts say many voters will focus on personalities rather than issues.

Mr. Rasmussen's Social Democratic Party has governed with the small Social Liberal Party led by Economy Minister Marianne Jelved since January 1993, winning re-election for a fouryear term in September 1994.

Public opinion polls show the prime minister's center-left coalition neckand-neck with the center-right bloc

headed by the Liberal Party leader, Uffe Ellemann-Jensen.

Ellemann-Jensen. In full-page newspaper ads, Mr. Ellemann-Jensen said that the election was about credibility, which the Rasmussen coalition lacked.

The political establishment is anxiously waiting for word about which bloc the small Center Democratic party will support. Some observers say the. group, led by Mimi Jakobsen, will emerge as kingmaker. Others say the party may fail to reach the 2 percent threshold needed for representation in

timates over the last several years and, the 179-member single-chamber house. Only 5 percent of Denmark's 5.1 millo and behold, each one is lower than the last one," said Michael Mandelbaum, a professor at the School for Advanced lion people belong to a political party, and many voters tend to shift party al-International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, who is a critic of NATO legiance from one election to another. expansion. "My sense is that these are Setting the early election date, Mr. estimates driven by the political needs Rasmussen said he wanted to clear the air of election fever ahead of Danes'

for ratification." crucial decision on their future in The report is scheduled for release the day before Defense Secretary William Europe: a referendum May 28 on the EU's Amsterdam treaty. The treaty builds on the Maastricht treaty and Cohen and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright are expected to make a final The election has been portrayed as a strengthens some EU institutions. pitch for Senate approval of NATO ex-

Pentagon Cuts Cost of NATO Expansion pansion at a hearing of the Senate For- Pentagon set the total cost for expansion eign Relations Committee. The full

Senate is expected to vote on the issue WASHINGTON -- With only weeks early next month. Even senators who support expan-sion have questioned whether the cost before the Senate votes on whether to expand NATO, Clinton administration estimates may have been manipulated

for political reasons. "I am skeptical about the cost estimates, and if I were in the opposition, I would seize on the issue," said Senator Joseph Biden Jr. of Delaware, the ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee. "I can't swear to you that

the books aren't being cooked." The confusion over the cost of ex-pansion may be understandable given the sweeping range of estimates that have been produced over the last year in the United States and Europe. Adding to the confusion is the fact that few of the estimates are directly comparable.

"This is an apples-and-oranges situation," a Pentagon official said. "All the estimates have used different time frames, made different assumptions about potential threats, measured different types of costs. Of course they're going to be all over the board."

A report by the Congressional Budget Office in 1996 estimated the total cost for NATO expansion at \$61 billion to \$125 billion over 15 years, a figure that included the additional expenses both in the NATO budget and in the military budgets of each of its member nations. In a report last February, the — to NATO and its member states — at \$27 billion to \$35 billion over 13 years, with the United States assuming \$1.5 to \$2 billion of the bill. The total additional costs in the NATO budget were pegged at \$5.4 billion to \$7.2 billion. Administration officials said that the

new report will revise the figures sharply downward, with the total additional cost to NATO placed at \$1.5 billion over 10 years. The United States would be responsible for about a quarter of those extra costs, or about \$400 million.

The U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that NATO commanders touring Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic over the last year have been impressed by the quality of the airfields, supply depots and other military installations they have visited - so much so that they believed the costs for expansion would be far lower than had been expected.

But Ivan Eland, the chief author of the Congressional Budget Office study, said he believed that the new Pentagon estimates for NATO expansion were so low as to be "ludicrous - this doesn't pass the straight-face test."

'To a defense-cost analyst, \$1.5 billion over 10 years is absolutely nothing," said Mr. Eland, who is now the director of defense policy studies at the Cato Institute, a libertarian research group based in Washington. "You can't even wash off tanks for that."

#### **Blast Damages Train in Basque Region**

The Associated Press

IRUN, Spain - A French high-speed train suffered minor damage when an explosive device went off on the railroad tracks in this Basque city, police reported Sunday. There were no injuries.

The police said only the driver and two assistants were on board the train when the blast occurred Friday evening as the train left Irun for the French border town of Hendaye.

No group has claimed responsibility for the blast, although the armed Basque separatist group ETA has regularly set off bombs as part of its 30-year-old campaign for Basque independence.

On Saturday, the ETA was blamed for planting a package bomb at offices of Spain's governing Popular Party in the northern city of Santander. The police detonated the bomb street outside the offices, and no one was hurt.



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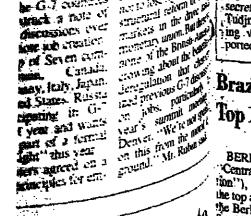
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His Problems in Articulating Policy on Iraq Are Complicated by Lewinsky Allegations

> By Dan Balz and John F. Harris Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton sat down with several of his foreign policy advisers last Tuesday · morning to review the draft of the speech

Iraq's biological and chemical weapons capability, Mr. Clinton, said one official, ordered aides to beef up his speech with more of the details about Saddam Hussein's efforts to frustrate the will of the United Nations.

Still the president wasn't satisfied, As he sat on a Pentagon stage hours later, he continued to mark up the text with a pen. . When he rose to deliver it, to the surprise of his advisers, he had reframed the . entire argument

"He's thinking about this a lot," a senior administration official said later. "He's thinking about making this case to the American people - how do you do it, how do you convey what the stakes

As the standoff with Iraq enters a decisive week, Mr. Clinton is still struggling for answers.

He is, say his closest advisers, confident and comfortable about an eventual decision to launch a military strike against the Iraqis, if diplomacy fails. But he has yet to articulate in clear and compelling terms the case for military

Lewinsky.

As focused as the president may be on cision includes the allegations hanging over him. Some critics say it could reduce his stature at home and abroad at middle ground between tolerating Mr. all the more so because of the Lewinsky this critical moment. Administration of-Saddam's defiance of the United Na-scandal. ficials disagree vehemently and assert tions and his overthrow - has left him that the controversy will not affect the vulnerable to criticism on both the left president's decision-making on Iraq.

There is absolutely zero indication of that," said a senior administration official. "Just absolutely none."

agreeing that Mr. Clinton has lost none of his focus on Iraq, said it is clear that the Lewinsky problem hangs over him. say, what did you think about this aspect damage the Baghdad regime.

of the Lewinsky problem. It's on his mind. There's no question about it. You can't consider him an automaton who can totally disengage from this nagging

What worries Mr. Clinton most is that the American people have not been on Iraq he was to deliver at the Pentagon later in the day. He had read it overnight and wasn't satisfied.

Pulling out an underlined copy of a recently declassified CIA report on Iraq's biological and chemical weapons capability, Mr. Clinton, said one official, ordered aides to beef up his speech with properly educated about the issue, acpolicy of overthrow."

Another official laid the president's failure to state the case for limited military action more clearly to the fact that diplomacy remained a live option for defusing the crisis as long as the UN secretary-general, Kofi Annan, was in

Mr. Clinton enjoys strong public sup-port for military action against Iraq, but there is far more limited support for the goal he has outlined: strikes aimed only at reducing substantially Iraq's ability to produce weapons of mass destruction.

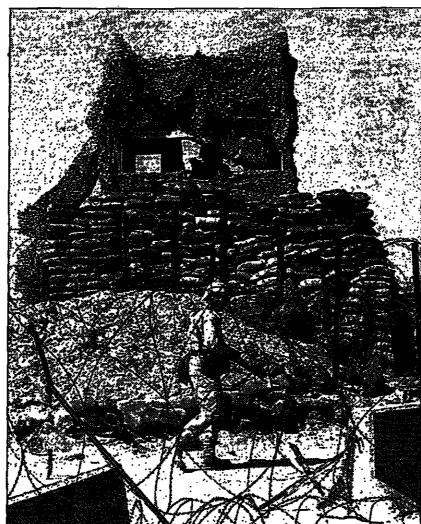
The most recent Washington Post-ABC News poll showed 63 percent of those surveyed support bombing of Iraq unless the Iraqis stop interferring with UN inspectors. Men are far more supportive of military action than women.

But a Newsweek poll made public Friday showed minimal support for the limited airstrikes. Given a choice of that option, an all-out air and ground assault now. to eliminate Mr. Saddam and his Un action and what it can accomplish.

Complicating Mr. Clinton's role as commander-in-chief is the controversy over his still-undefined relationship with a former White House intern, Monica ported the diplomatic approach and 36 percent said they favored all-out action Iraq, the public backdrop for any de- to remove Mr. Saddam and destroy his weapons-producing capacity.

The path Mr. Clinton has chosen - a

and the right. The dilemma was on vivid display at But a friend of the president, while foreign policy advisers found their policy picked apart simultaneously by people who questioned what gave Mr. Clinton the moral right to launch attacks "We'll start talking about national se- and those who worried that the attacks curity issues and then he will revert and would not be robust enough to really



A U.S. soldier standing guard in Kuwait on Sunday at the command post for a battery of Patriot missiles, which would counter any Iraqi Scuds.

Robert Zoellick, who was undersecretary of state in the Bush administration. "The question is, where do you find ourselves six months or a year from

Unless the military strike is more robust than anything the administration has signaled, Mr. Zoellick said, Mr. Clinton's response is "designed for domestic political consumption" so that he can tell people he has punished Mr. Saddam — even if the Iraqi is no weaker over the long term.

In any circumstance, the decisions Mr. Clinton faces would be difficult, but

Despite the president's lofty approval ratings, a Republican pollster, Robert Teeter, said he believed the Lewinsky allegations have tarnished Mr. Clinton. the televised forum at Ohio State University last week when Mr. Clinton's top

he's gone through and not have his stature, both in the world and in the U.S., in-chief to stand tall."

'It's a typical Clinton solution," said have caused foreign leaders to look at him differently and that public support for the president has not been affected by the allegations of sex and perjury. The Post-ABC poll found that while 68 percent of those surveyed said Mr. Clinton was a strong leader, 28 percent said he had high personal moral and ethical standards.

Mr. Clinton's top advisers portray a president comfortable with the responsibility of being faced with a decision to launch military strikes, but at the same time willing to stop short of that step if diplomacy can solve the problem.
Shibley Telhami, a Middle East spe-

cialist at the University of Maryland, said that if forecasts of a possible U.S. military strike force Mr. Saddam into last-minute concessions, the administration will have produced a remarkable achievement in brinksmanship. But an actual strike, he warned, could produce a backlash among Arab populations and their governments.

"The worst scenario is a military diminished." he said. "This is when you strike that does not improve the basic want the president and the commander-structure in the Middle East," Mr. Telhami said, predicting that this would Administration officials sharply dis- mark "the beginning of the end of the pute that contention, arguing that there is no evidence that Mr. Clinton's problems Middle East."

BRIEFLY

#### 46 Slain in Algeria In Highway Attacks

ALGIERS — An armed group attacked and killed 19 occupants of a truck on a deserted mountain road in eastern Algeria, newspapers reported Sunday, the second highway ambush reported in recent days.

In an attack similar to one in which

Muslim militants reportedly killed 27 soldiers the same day, Friday, the gunmen set off an explosive in the road and then fired on the truck, two independent dailies reported.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack near Gijel, 300 kilometers (185 miles) east of Algiers, but Muslim militants were suspected.

The other attack was near Boghni, in the Kabylia region, about 100 kilometers east of the capital. (AP)

#### Plot to Unseat Moi Is Laid to Clergy

NAIROBI --- A newspaper owned by Kenya's ruling party accused Roman Catholic and Protestant clergy on Sunday of plotting to overthrow the government of President Daniel arap

"The church is on a mission to topple the government and is currently working closely to succeed in mobilizing the people for its big kill," the Kenya Times contended, quoting unnamed "impeccable sources in the

Mr. Moi on Friday described

church leaders as "merchants of anarchy" after they called for the formation of a constitutional conference to draft a more democratic constitution for the country.

#### No Damage Found In Afghan Quake

ISLAMABAD. Pakistan — Opposition forces in Afghanistan haye found no new damage or deaths from major earthquake that hit the norther the country Friday, a spokesman same. The quake followed a Feb. 4 treasurement devastated remote parts of a company of the earthquakes occurred in territory controlled by a forces opposing the controlled by a forces opposing the Taleban militia in Kabul. (Reuters)

#### Colombia Leader Hints at Departure

BOGOTA - President Emesto Samper of Colombia suggested over the weekend that he might step down early if it would mean improved relations with the United States.
"If my leaving office contributes to

improved relations with the United States and if the reality of Colombia's achievements these past three years against drug trafficking were truly understood. I would be prepared to make that contribution," Mr. Samper said in the port of Paranaguille in the port of Paranag the port of Barranquilla in a speech made available by his press office. Mr. Samper's term ends Aug. 7. (AP)

#### GERMANY: A Country at a Crossroads

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moreover, have been diluted in political compromise, as is typical in a land that prizes consensus and fears confrontation that might awaken ghosts of the past.
The political system devised for West
Germany by the Western Allies after
World War II, in fact, provide so many checks and balances that paralysis is nearly inevitable.

The result for employers is that the cost of hiring has become too high. To ensure that an employee gets net pay of \$2,000 a month, for example, employers must pay more than twice that amount in gross salary to cover mandatory with-holdings for state pensions, taxes, health care and social security.

Some economists estimate that eighttenths of Germany's 4.8 million unemployed people are unemployed precisely ecause of these costs.

Big business in Germany has already drawn its own conclusions, exporting manufacturing jobs to countries with aper labor, creating the paradoxical result of solid economic growth that does not reduce unemployment.

For decades, of course, Germany has been regarded as an economic model. the land that gave its people the longest vacations, highest pay, shortest workweek, earliest retirement, highest pensions and strongest safety net; so it is not surprising that the Darwinian ethic underlying economic growth in the United States - not to mention the legacy of Thatcherite Britain — should collide with German insistence that more than just the fittest survive, that the weak need their pensions and health care and unemployment benefits, too.

Government paralysis stems from various factors. The national elections scheduled for September have already transfixed politicians as they jostle for position rather than tackle issues.

Mr. Kohl and his coalition have been

in office since 1982, so the twin genies of

fatigue and arrogance that beset Britain's Tories in the late '80s and early '90s and marked the tired final days of President George Bush's administration in the United States have become increasingly visible in recent years.

With the fanfare of Germany's reunification at the start of the 1990s reduced to a long, expensive, bumpy diminuendo, the nation's political life seems to be on hold, awaiting the planned move of the government to Berlin next year, the coming of the euro, the advent of the millennium, the elections.

But the rest of the world is moving on. Where the United States and Britain have performed the same conjuring act
— ousting longtime conservative governments with a combination of youthful, charismatic leadership and the embrace of centrist policies that replace ideology with pragmatism - Mr. Kohl, Europe's longest-serving leader and most powerful conservative figure, is unchanging and unchanged.

"His two missions have been the reunification of Germany and to unite Europe so that there can never be war again," said Patricia Clough, the British author of a newly published study in German of Mr. Kohl. "And he's never really grasped that the world is changing on other fronts, like globalization.'

Yet Mr. Kohl, whose principal currency is his own immutability, may still be in power after the September vote. Not only is there no German version of Mr. Clinton or Mr. Blair on the horizon, but it is far from certain that German voters would risk embracing one when they sense so many other uncertainties.

As if anesthetized by decades of wellbeing, many Germans sense that change is inevitable but by and large have not felt the kind of economic pain that other Western populaces have. Indeed, many would ask. Why should we? In a land whose voters have grown accustomed to security, that is a question the politicians would prefer to leave for another day.

#### WASHINGTON: For Now, U.S. Takes a Wait-and-See Approach to Reported Deal official said, "It's a message worth de-livering and worth repeating." delivered an acceptable arrangement Pentagon official said. "There will be from Mr. Hussein, they wanted "to bolt strains over time."

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Senior officials, speaking earlier Sunday, were adamant that there would be no deal if Mr. Hussein stuck to his demand for a 60-day limit on inspections of eight sites and said they were pleased that Mr. Annan had told reporters in Baghdad that such a limit was unacceptable to him. But the officials would not be drawn into discussing what might happen if Mr. Hussein instead offered a oversees weapons-monitoring in Iraq. six-month limit, or a year, saying only

that they would wait to hear what Mr.

Annan produced before judging it.

Mrs. Albright spoke Saturday with Mr.

Annan by telephone, an official said, and cautioned him not to make any "premature decisions" before consulting with

experts and Security Council members.

"It was only a generalized discussion and not a serious, detailed one, given the nature of the telephone and where it's coming from," namely Baghdad, the official said. "But she has a good relationship with the secretary-general, and they can speak to one another, and her job is to make sure he understands where our red lines are."

Asked if Mr. Annan was not already returns," the official said. aware of American requirements, the

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States to a greater extent than the Iraqis

UN officials would not comment on the meeting between Mr. Saddam and

the Mr. Annan - their first face-to-

face encounter - other than to say that

Responding to questions about the likelihood that the United States might

find flaws in Mr. Annan's agreement

Mr. Eckhard said that the secretary-

general "has carefully tried to build

Security Council support within the parameters in which he feels he has stayed in his talks with Iraqi authorities

"He expects that what emerges from

these talks he will be able to sell to the

Security Council," he added, and that,

moreover, "the secretary-general is au-

thorized to enter into an agreement with any member state, which he's done in this case."

In return for opening sites it had closed to inspectors, Iraq appears to have won its bid for a different com-

position of inspection teams, adding

diplomats to the UN inspectors, al-though control of the project will re-

main in the UN commission's hands.

Mr. Annan, who plans to leave

Baghdad on Monday afternoon, hopes

to take an agreement to the Security Council by Wednesday.

formal approval, there are moves - led

While an accord does not require

the talks were "constructive."

these last couple of days.

The mission has already stretched pentagon resources elsewhere in the clear to Saddam that there will be a clear, about what this means until experts have had a chance to study it and what it mean in practice, to understand whatever mechanism he may have worked out for Unscom to go where it hasn't gone." Unscom is the UN special commission that

seeking to have a real-time, in-the-loop engagement on this," adding, "Annan knows what our views are, and while he

The White House expects Mr. Annan Security Council and give separate briefings to the United States and to the to three months a year, there is none. other four permanent members of the Security Council. "I am confident that there for a long period of time—or if we he will provide a detailed briefing, but I decide to keep one carrier there all the don't expect that to happen until he

Senior officials said that if Mr. Annan impact on deployments elsewhere," a pointed to no special threat.

Baghdad, does not favor such a move.

The United States can reject any

backsliding," an official said.

That price would be military, the official confirmed, and would mean an extended period with U.S. and presumably British troops on standby in the Gulf.

But given the possibility of eavesdropping by Iraqi domestic security services, another senior official said, "We are not seeking to have a real-time in the Gulf.

Defense Department officials said Sunday that they had begun studying how the Pentagon would deal with a prolonged American military. ment in the Gulf to monitor Iraq's compliance with a UN-brokered settlement. knows what our views are, and while he As a result of the Iraq crisis, the United has been touching base with people, he's States has increased the number of not relaying play-by-play and seeking our troops stationed in the region by 70 percent, from about 20,000 to 34,000, and has placed two aircraft carriers in the to return to New York and brief the Gulf. Usually there is only one aircraft carrier in the Gulf; for an average of two

time, rather than three-quarters of the

sion to monitor activity along the Korean Peninsula. The carrier that was supposed to be in the region — the Independence, which was expected to be operating this month from Japan — has been dispatched to the Gulf, and there is no other

carrier in the region now.

Pentagon officials said that they had not been presented with cost estimates for the mission in the Gulf but that, for now, these were manageable from within the existing Defense Department budget. The cost would go up sharply only if the United States launched air strikes on Iraq. "Missiles are expensive," an official said. "That's when you begin spending real money.'

As a result of the redeployment of the Independence, the Pentagon has ordered additional fighter-bombers and gunships into the region to bolster the defense of South Korea, although Pentagon offitime — then that will begin to have an cials said recent intelligence reports

#### IRAQ: Annan and Saddam Reach a Deal on Weapons Inspections Britain Is Cautious Over Report of Deal

The Associated Press

LONDON - Britain responded cautiously Sunday night to reports that UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and President Saddam Hussein had reached an agreement that could avert a U.S.-led

ferred a diplomatic solution, it reserved the right to use force if no pact were

Mr. Annan was "the last serious envoy to come to Baghdad" and that Mr. Saddam "would be extremely unwise not to recognize that this provides an opportunity for diplomatic settlement.

### **BAGHDAD:** Few Preparations for Raids

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with oranges, tomatoes, cabbages and days were happy to tell foreign jour-other produce. And under the oil-for-nalists of their anger toward the United food plan, which permits Iraq to sell States. limited quantities of oil to buy food, "Th other staples.

There are plenty of consumer goods for those who can afford them and a few Iraqis, at least, appear to be prospering.

The evidence includes the recent opening of several new boutiques and res-

class, once one of the Arab world's largest, virtually has disappeared in a country where a policeman earns about

"We don't care for anything any more," said Murtaza Khafaf, one of the guests in Miss Khedairy's garden. "You have jewelry? You don't wear it. Nothing interests us any more."

She has particular reason to feel bitter, having been treated for breast cancer last having been treated for breast cancer last year in New Delhi, where her daughter lives. Now she needs follow-up tests with sophisticated medical equipment that is unavailable in Baghdad.

But, given their recent history, tew Iraqis appear to be betting on a peaceful outcome. "It's not something new for us," Khali Bakr, 36, said before sitting days to a game of backgammon at his

I can't afford to go to Amman to do it, so to hell with it," said Mrs. Khafaf, "I'm just sitting here."

Whatever their feelings about their authoritarian leader, Saddam Hussein. the capital. Markets are well stocked Iraqis interviewed during the last few

"The Americans are not believers," individuals receive a monthly ration of said a cleric, Wafiq Obeidi, 36, as he 20 pounds (9 kilograms) of flour, among prepared to enter the imposing yellowbrick Abu Hanifa mosque for prayers Friday. "The Arabs and Muslims must unite against the people who don't believe in God. They want to destroy the infrastructure of Islam."

This weekend, the government sought to capitalize on the presence of foreign journalists who were allowed into the country for the visit of the United Nations secretary-general, Kofi Annan, whose aim is to negotiate a peaceful end to the crisis over UN weapons inspec-

Ordinary Iraqis and government officials alike were delighted by the spectacle of three top U.S. officials — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Defense Secretary William Cohen and the national security adviser, Samuel Berger -- being jeered Wednesday night by anti-war protesters at a "town meet-

ing" in Columbus, Ohio.
"Angry Americans have turned a live interview with three top officials of the U.S. administration into an open and fair people's court in which they issued their sentence, condemning and rejecting their government's aggressive policy toward Iraq," the Iraqi press agency re-

ported Friday.

Mrs. Radhi, who was educated in American schools here and in Beirut. concurred. "When we listened to it, I said, These are the Americans I used to know.

down to a game of backgammon at his grocery shop. "If they bomb us or not, it's the same thing. We haven't taken any precautions. It's something normal."

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taurants catering to an upscale clientele, including one, the Captain's Table, where the waiters dress up as pirates.

While most cars are shabby and illmilitary attack on Iraq. "The expectation is that Kofi Annan maintained because of a shortage of will make an announcement in the morn-spare parts, plenty of new ones are on the ing whether a deal has been brokered," a road, including a fleet of shiny Hyundai tions in Iraq. spokesman for Prime Minister Tony sedans recently purchased by the mu-Blair's office said. nicipal police. Until that occurred, the spokesman Until that occurred, the spokesman said on condition of anonymity, the prime minister would not be in a position anything you want here."

There are more supplies, "constitution of anonymity, the prime minister would not be in a position anything you want here." The sanctions have caused tremento make a substantive comment. dous suffering, depriving hospitals of antibiotics and other basic medicines, In Baghdad earlier, a diplomat said Mr. Annan and Mr. Saddam had re-moved the last major obstacle to opening triggering a surge in infant mortality and nearly destroying the country's once-thriving industrial base. The middle presidential palaces to UN weapons inspectors, the main condition for avoiding a military strike. A spokesman at the British Foreign
Office saw signs of encouragement.
"We need to get a fuller read-out, but
there appear to have been some en"We don

couraging signs," he said.
Hours earlier, Defense Secretary George Robertson said Britain remained firm and resolute" that, while it pre-

Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said before the Baghdad announcement that

agreement and proceed with military Aziz, were "civilized but also diffiaction if it chooses. But the sense among cult," a UN official said. "There was no UN officials is that this is less likely than table thumping, no raised voices."

Mr. Annan's party seems to be esit might have been a week or two ago. Mr. Annan spoke this weekend with pecially conscious of the hostility that by France - to propose a council res- Mrs. Albright as well as leaders or highhas been growing between Iraq and the olution endorsing his accord. Diplomats say that the United States, which had ranking officials of the four other permanent commission, known as manent members of the Security Countries are neither reservations about Mr. Annan's trip to cil: Britain, China, France and Russia. diplomats nor UN employees.

Baghdad residents pressing against a radio outside a café Sunday to hear the latest bulletins about the Annan-Saddam talks on inspection. The secretary-general's meetings with the full Iraqi delegation, led by Mr.

## HEALTH/SCIENCE



#### Dr. Jerry Shay, left, and Dr. Woodring Wright at the Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

# Aging Theory: Gamble and Payoff

By Nicholas Wade New York Times Service

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ENLO PARK, California Usually one would question the sanity of anyone who said death was not Barighe ind attogance in ber inevitable. But that belief has driven a handful of scientists with a long-standing interest in human aging to develop a way of rejuvenating human cells. While the cell rejuvenation method, announced last month in the journal Science, is not likely to make anyone immortal, it holds promise for treating many diseases of aging. It also marks a watershed advance in the long intractable subject of why human cells age.

The discovery owes much to a scientist who brought together many of the elements that made it happen, even though he was not among the authors of the Science report. He is Michael West. founder and vice president of Geron Corp. in Menlo Park.

Dr. West took a short cut from the usual stately process of scientific discovery by gambling seven years ago that a new finding about objects named telomeres held the key to the mystery of why cells age. While other biologists have continued to refine and debate the subject until the present day, Dr. West dropped out of medical school — his doctorate is in cell biology — and raised the capital to pursue telomere research on a commercial basis.

His company, Geron, was able to finance or license the research of many leading scientists in the field. In April, a critical finding published by Thomas Cech, a Nobel laureate, at the University of Colorado, signaled that a way was now available to prove whether or not telomeres governed the aging of human cells. Licensing Dr. Cech's finding, Geron embarked on a furious race with at least five other competitors. "We wanted to win the race at all costs," Dr.

The new finding, briefly, is that the life span of human cells is mainly set not by their chronological age but by how often they divide. At each division the telomeres --- strings of special purpose DNA at the ends of the chromosomes - get shorter, until at a certain minimum length a signal is

somehow touched off that forces the cells into the phase of aging and decline known as senescence.

Geron scientists and colleagues at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center have now shown that when the telomeres are rebuilt and maintained at youthful length, human cells grown in the test tube live way past their usual 'Most of us just accept aging," said

Dr. Calvin Harley, Geron's chief scientist. "But in any other circumstances, if you had a death sentence you would want to do something about it."

The study of why cells age has been something of a research backwater for many years. The subject was difficult. with a crackpot tinge, and only a handful of serious scientists devoted their careers to it. Michael West studied for his Ph.D. with one of the few professors in the field, Dr. Sam Goldstein of the University of Arkansas, He worked on one of his adviser's favorite theories of aging but proved it to be incorrect, a dangerous kind of finding for a graduate student to make.

After parting with Dr. Goldstein, he entered medical school, at the same time working as a postdoctoral fellow with Dr. Woodring Wright and Dr. Jerry Shay at the Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. His two new mentors formed a long-standing research team with an interest in cell senescence and its flip side, the immortality of cancer cells.

N 1990, an article was published in Nature stating the theory of human telomere aging in its current form. The theory was not widely accepted, however, in part because small, short-lived organisms, which most biologists study, regulate their telomeres very differently from long-lived animals like humans

Dr. West, too, was at first a skeptic because the new work resembled in some aspects the theory of Dr. Goldstein's he had disproved. "My initial response was, 'Here we go again,' " he said. But Dr. Wright and Dr. Shay were enthusiastic because the telomere proposal fit in well with their own ideas about aging. After intensive discussions Dr. West became convinced.

The three of them tried to figure out what the implications would be if the telomere theory was true. Their discussions focused on telomerase, the enzyme cells use to maintain telomeres at youthful length in egg and sperm cells. They wrote out patent applications covering the use of telomerase in rejuvenating normal cells and in diagnosing and treating cancer cells.

Dr. West dropped out of medical school with the idea of starting a company devoted to the diseases of aging and focused on telomeres. In 1992, after hearing him t describe his ideas at a conference, investors led by the venture capital firm Kleiner Perkins gave him \$7.5 million to start Geron.

'They had the vision to recognize the story in the very early days," Dr. West said. After three more rounds of private financing, the company had raised a total of \$42 million, and it took in another \$18.5 million when it went public

The company used the money to finance its own research and that of academic researchers working on telomeres. Although the field progressed rapidly during the early 1990s, the vital piece on which the company's hopes depended was missing: No one could lay hands on the human gene that makes the telomerase enzyme.

The break came from a microscopic one-celled animal that lives in ponds. Known to biologists as Euplotes aediculatus, the protozoan was a favorite of Dr. Cech at the University of Colorado because it makes large amounts of telomerase.

A colleague of Dr. Cech's, Dr. Joachim Lingner, spent three years purifying the telomerase enzyme from Euplotes. Having figured out how the protein was put together, the researchers could infer the sequence of chemical letters in the gene that made it.

When the University of Colorado tried to license the rights to the new finding, pharmaceutical companies did not beat down the door.

'They said, 'We've never purchased rights to a gene from a pond animal and this doesn't seem very valuable," Dr. Cech said. "But Geron had absolutely the opposite attitude. They came in with a very generous offer."

# A Key to Autoimmune Risk

By Lawrence K. Altman New York Times Service .

EW YORK - Long after a woman has given birth, cells from her fetus may still circulate in her blood stream, and a new study has linked those cells to development of a disease in the mother years after pregnancy.

The disease is scleroderma, a socalled autoimmune disorder in which the body mysteriously attacks its own healthy tissues. For equally mysterious ter in Seattle, said that she undertook the reasons, scleroderma strikes women study because she was skeptical that four times as often as men. Women with scleroderma had fetal

cells present in their blood decades after pregnancy more often and in larger numbers than mothers who did not have the condition, according to the study, which is appearing in The Lancet, a scientific journal published in London.

The study neither proves that fetal full explanation of how such cells might cause the disease. But identification of such a link has astonished many experts said that the finding, if confirmed, would have important implications for autoimmune disorders.

in two main forms. One is limited to the Boston, found that fetal cells can persist tissue that tightens the skin, thickening it years after pregnancy. The fetal cells with a son.

second form scars blood vessels, dam- cells that can become part of the ages the esophagus and makes swal- body's immune system. lowing difficult, and anacks kidneys, lungs and other organs.

Scleroderma is uncommon, striking 14 people per million worldwide.

Doctors have assumed that hormones tween the sexes. But Dr. J. Lee Nelson, who has spent 10 years studying pregnancy and autoimmune disorders at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Cento develop new therapies. study because she was skeptical that hormones could fully explain the sex difference for several reasons.

A principal reason was that sclero-54. But even more important to Dr. Nelson was that pregnancy had not been studied as a risk factor for scleroderma.

cells cause scleroderma nor provides a ology to the study of pregnancy in recent years, scientists have rejected a long-held belief that a barricade existed to prevent the transfer of cells between mother and in scleroderma and related diseases who fetus. But according to recent findings. maternal and fetal cells can traffic in both directions during pregnancy.

Two years ago, Dr. Diana Bianchi of Scleroderma, sometimes fatal, exists the New England Medical Center in

like leather, and making joints ache. A have the capacity to develop into

The finding led Dr. Nelson to theorize that the phenomenon might explain the frequency and timing of scleroderma in women. Studies of persistent fetal cells in women with scleroderma, Dr. Nelson somehow account for the difference be- reasoned, might show that some conditions thought to be autoimmune disorders are not entirely attacks on oneself. If so, scientists could use the information

O Dr. Nelson collaborated with Dr. Bianchi and others in a study of 40 women. The participants included 17 who derma in women tends to develop in the were struck by the onset of scleroderma years after childbearing, between 35 and around age 40, seven of their sisters who did not have scleroderma, and 16 women with no known autoimmune disorders. The researchers chose women who had In applying the tools of molecular bi- at least one son because it was technically easier to study the Y male chromosome in blood than identifying a daughter's DNA.

Aided by a technique known as polymerase chain reaction, the scientists found that women with scleroderma had an average of 11.1 male cells compared with 1.3 among their sisters and 0.38 in the control group. Some women with scleroderma had higher levels of male face and hands where it produces scar in the mother's bloodstream for up to 27 DNA than that found in women pregnant

#### Gum Disease Tied to Blood Clots

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By Denise Grady New York Times Service

EW YORK — Infections in the mouth may play havoc elsewhere in the body, leading to blood clots that can bring on heart attacks and strokes, researchers have reported.

Their findings, based on experiments in rabbits, add to a growing body of evidence in people linking certain chronic infections, including gum disease, to cardiovascular disease. Such infections have not been proved to cause heart disease, but the apparent connection has captured increasing attention from scientists in this country and in Europe.

The new study is the first to show that bacteria from the mouth can induce clotting, which is the pivotal event in most heart attacks and strokes. The research was done in Minneapolis at the University of Minnesota by a team led by Dr. Mark Herzberg and Dr. Maurice Meyer.

They set out to study what happens

mouth invade the bloodstream. That is likely to occur in people with infected gums, a condition also known as periodontal disease or pyorrhea. Gum disease develops when plaque deposits, which are a sticky film of bacteria on the teeth, grow and penetrate beneath the gumline. Bacteria begin to eat away the tissues around the teeth and to digest a pathway for themselves into the bloodstream.

Severe periodontal disease is the equivalent to a wound of about eight square inches," Dr. Herzberg said. "Imagine a wound that size on your skin, always ulcerated and exposed to a whole variety of bacteria." Dental plaque contains about 300 species of bacteria, and a severe infection contains billions of bacteria.

People can usually prevent periodontal disease by brushing their teeth, using dental floss, and having regular cleanings by a dentist or hygienist, Dr. Herzberg said. Once the disease does set

needed to clear it up. Dr. Herzberg and Dr. Meyer studied Streptococcus sanguis, the predominant bacterium in dental plaque. It is considered harmless. a normal inhabitant in a healthy mouth. But the researchers found that when they mixed the bacteria with human blood in test tubes, they led to the formation of clots.

When billions of these bacteria were injected into rabbits, the effects were powerful. Within a minute, heart abnormalities appeared on the animals' electrocardiograms, along with changes in blood pressure and breathing. Dr. Herzberg said those changes were probably due to clot formation in the coronary arteries and lungs.

Clotting touches off most heart attacks and strokes by blocking arteries that feed the heart or brain. Even though most victims' arteries have already been narrowed by fatty deposits, the deposits alone are not usually enough to choke off the blood supply: The final blow is in, surgery and antibiotics may be nearly always the formation of a clot.

#### BOOKS

THE STREET LAWYER By John Grisham 348 pages. \$27.95.

Doubleday. Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

OHN GRISHAM clearly isn't one of the more talented writers around, but he's certainly one of the luckiest.

Indeed, his timing has been impeccable. In the nine years since he began cranking out legal thrillers, court cases have become a national obsession, ratified and fed by a horde of celebrity lawyers offering predictions, commentary and play by play on everything from O.J. Simpson and the Menendez brothers to Whitewater and Sexgate. It's not just that viewers of CNN's "Burden of Proof" and Court TV are familiar with legal lingo and procedure; it's also that in our adversarial culture, court cases have become a paradigm of how we

grapple with the world. Those same nine years have also seen the acceleration of several other phenomena that have guaranteed writers like Grisham even more money and fame: the globalization of American culture; the efflorescence of the superstore and its showcasing of brand-name books, and Hollywood's insatiable appetite for formulaic thrillers. No wonder Doubleday has printed 2.5 million copies of Grisham's latest, "The Street Lawyer."

Not surprisingly, "The Street Law-yer" follows a familiar Grisham recipe: cast a young, idealistic lawyer as the underdog and pit him against a big, powerful opponent with money and resources to spare: construct a fast, relentless plot line that moves ahead like a hungry (if very nearsighted) shark, and toss in some topical social issues to give the whole thing a veneer of relevance.

One problem with this stilted, jerrybuilt novel is that Grisham has never acters with any real emotional depth, and idealistic or venal, good or evil.

in "The Street Lawyer," he has chosen to tell a story that's more characterdriven than ever before. In fact, the better part of the novel concerns the midlife crisis of its hero, Michael Brock, and his evolution from selfish, money-grubbing yuppie to selfless advocate for the poor.

What happens to Michael is this: Two pages into the novel, a crazed homeless man called Mister enters the marbled hallways of Drake & Sweeney, the prestigious Washington law firm where Michael is an up-and-coming lawyer, and starts firing a gun. He quickly takes nine lawyers hostage, threatening to blow them all away with what looks like homemade explosives. He hectors them about their fancy salaries and complains that they do nothing for the homeless.

Though the crisis ends quickly enough, Michael is unable to go on with his life. In fact, Grisham would have us believe that Mister's jeremiad about homelessness has induced a sudden change of heart in Michael, that it has made him want to abandon the fast-track corporate life and go into public-interest law.

After a homeless family dies during a snowstorm, Michael takes up their cause with a vengeance: He has soon stolen a secret file from Drake & Sweeney (dealing with the family's illegal eviction from a building that's about to be sold), and like so many Grisham characters before him, he's on the run from his foes.

Because Grisham gives us no insight into Michael's emotional makeup, because he defines him purely through externals - what he wears, what he drives, what he earns — he is unable to make his transformation from well-heeled yuppie to penniless advocate of the homeless the least bit understandable or authentic. As in previous Grisham novels, there is no subtlety of mance to Michael's story: Grisham's lawyerly (even Manichaean) outlook leads him to depict everyone and been particularly good at creating char- every action as positive or negative, turning on CNN or Court TV.

To make matters worse. Michael emerges as a particularly unsympathetic hero: sanctimonious, self-dramatizing and willfully adolescent. This is a man who thinks that his new dedication to the homeless has made him a saint, but who worries that his shiny new Lexus will be stolen while he's ministering to the poor. Somehow you can't imagine Tom Cruise or Matthew McConaughey want-

ing to play this guy.
As for Grisham's much-vaunted storytelling skills, they are little in evidence in this novel. Yes, he does keep the plot lines unfurling, but he's like one of those circus clowns, pulling scarves, rabbits and eggs out of his pockets at random. Whenever the story seems in danger of slowing down, he contrives a new flurry of events: a mysterious file from an anonymous informant that appears on Michael's desk; a violent car accident that sends Michael to the hospital; a conveniently timed newspaper article that helps Michael's cause; the abrupt separation of Michael and his

Within a month, Michael has completely changed his life. He has quit one job and taken another; moved from a cushy Georgetown apartment into a barren little flat; broken up with his wife and found a new girlfriend; been arrested and put in jail, and found meaning in his life.

GRISHAM is too busy charging ahead to bother fleshing out any of these developments with the sort of emotional or physical detail that might make them feel plausible or real. The result is a perfunctory brand-name novel with an unlikable hero, a slapdash plot and some truly awful prose.

Although "The Street Lawyer" will doubtless leap to the top of the bestseller lists, the reader in search of real courtroom drama would be better off

New York Times Service

#### LANGUAGE

# Blowing the Whistle on Dish and Dimes

By William Safire

The same of the sa Washington — "She was a straight shooter — and she had great dish," the book agent Lucianne Goldberg told Time magazine about her friend Linda Tripp, who accepted Goldberg's advice to tape-record conversations with Monica Lewinsky. To The second of the last of the literary agent explained: "I did it because it's . . . fascinating! I love dish! I A language column's responsibility is

to interpret, without taking sides or making moral judgments, the words churned up in the coverage of a story that has gripped the nation by its belt. What, then, does the noun dish signify?

Certainly not its standard English meaning, "a slightly concave plate on which to serve food." From that sense The national Security Wolfred Here Services and Modern Services an came its colloquial verb usage, to dish it out, meaning not just "to serve" but also "to administer punishment."
Also from that sense of a plateful of food - this time delicious - comes the old slang usage "she's some dish," a lip-smacking compliment, as well as the adjective dishy, chiefly British. meaning "attractive," first spotted in

Security Security in which they seed to the security of the se on his holiday." Nor does the current term, as used by the dish-loving Lucy, find its origin in the British slang verb to dish, meaning 'destroy," first noted by the great lex-Consumer When we had not been to the American less to the American less to the American less to the hours are to the helium of the hours are to be bellium of the less to the helium of icographer Francis Grose in his 1788 Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue: "He Prof. given their result man.

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Prof. given the p is completely dished up; he is totally ruined." When the conservative Tories stole the legislative clothes of the liberal Whigs by passing the radical reform bill of 1867, the prime minister. Lord aide to President Clinton angry at the Derby, delightedly chortled: "Don't investigative techniques of the office

Focus on the American slang noun, first cited by J. E. Lighter in the Random House Historical Dictionary of American Slang, from Martin P. Levine's 1979 book, "Gay Men": "Calculated camp, packed so that people will think she's bringing them the real 'dish' from the inside." Lighter attributes this synonym for skinny to homosexual lingo, The New Yorker's Jane Mayer, the meaning "gossip; spiteful or malicious literary agent explained: "I did it be-Cory & LeRay's 1963 "The Homosexual and Society": "To gossip ... eration? often used when such gossip involves No; he the person's sexual activities and amative interests."

My own speculation is that the current slang noun is rooted in the al-

#### The dishing of an American Whig: Tlive for dish.

literative slang phrase to dish the dirt. as used by P.G. Wodehouse in 1964: He thinks you fall short in the way of dishing the dirt." That uses dirt as The Sunday Telegraph in 1961: "He encountered the dishy St. Tropezienne did in "The Sun Also Rises" in 1926: "'Do you know any dirt?' I asked. 'No.' 'None of your exalted connections getting divorces?""

Thus, when Goldberg exults; "I love dish!" she expresses her delight in dishing the dirt, which may have a political effect in dishing an American Whig.

"When you hook a wire to somebody," complained Paul Begala, an aide to President Clinton angry at the

you turn and drop the dime in a phone and call the press, that's not the kind of investigation people need." Most people under 40 would find

that reference to a coin baffling. One does not get a dial tone with anything less than a quarter, in Washington and environs, the price of a local call from a coin-operated phone has just gone up to 35 cents. Is the president's defender unaware of the ravages of inflation over the past gen-

No; he was speaking metaphorically, and metaphors do not take seasonal or even generational adjustment. To dron a dime, in underworld lingo, has meant "to inform the police," with the squealing being done over the telephone, often anonymously by the informer, who is referred to by the squealed-upon as a rat, fink, snitch or tipster.

The recipient of the call refers to the fink as a whistle-blower. Different figures of speech for different folks: A bad guy doing good inserts a coin to make a surreptitious call, making himself a dime-dropper, while a good guy blows a piercing whistle, making himself a much-admired (though sometimes prosecuted) whistle-blower.

Begala has extended the coin metaphor from an informant calling the police to a police source calling the press. In so doing, he takes the shadiness attached to the dime-dropper ratting on his underworld buddles and imputes it to the police source speaking to the press. In his extension, however, the spinmeister has not spoiled the trope by trying to update it by saying something as awkward as "the manipulative investigator dropped a dime nlus a quarter to leak to the media.

That would spoil the effect. New York Times Service

#### BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

OOKS based on news-paper columns are sel-Times Book of Bridge" by Robert Sheehan is an exception. It is available from The Bridge World for \$16.95 including mailing.

stars of the game in Britain.

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#### Serbs Set an Example

At last, the Serbs in Bosnia have a leader of whom they can feel proud. Milorad Dodik is the recently elected prime minister of the Serbian portion of the tripartite Bosnian state constructed by the Dayton accords. And Mr. Dodik, who visited Washington last week, has pledged to fulfill those accords, which sets him apart from pre-vious Serbian leaders who profited

from war and have obstructed peace.
In just a couple of weeks, Mr. Dodik has allowed the international war crimes tribunal to open an office in his capital and has encouraged Serbian indictees to turn themselves in; three have done so. He has promised to help non-Serbian refugees return to their homes, pledging to resettle 70,000 in the coming year. He has wrested control of the police from the war criminals hiding out in the eastern town of Pale.

All of this takes courage and cun-ning, and Mr. Dodik deserves the West's support. That means, most immediately, money. Police, teachers and others have not been paid in months, and Mr. Dodik's survival depends on showing that he can deliver more than the outlaws he replaced.

More generally, it means giving Mr. Dodik a little room as he finds his way. Human rights groups greeted him in Washington with a host of demands and concerns. As reminders, these are well placed; but, given the precarious

perch of the pro-peace party, this is a time to show some patience, as well.

The early progress in Republika Srpska, as Mr. Dodik's realm is known, opens opportunities for and puts new responsibilities on his Muslim counterparts in Sarajevo.

Until now they have enjoyed a fairer reputation than the Serbs, and for good reason; crimes were committed on all sides of the Yugoslav war, but the Muslims suffered most. But now the Muslim side of Bosnia is less pluralistic, less open, less democratic than Srpska. The Muslim leaders of Bosnia, mostly former Communist bosses, resist opening the media to opposition politicians. They block the return of refugees. They refuse to share information or cooperate with their Croatian partners.

Until now, Serbian intransigence offered some justification, questionable but understandable, for this stance; the Bosnians did not want to let down their guard as long as the shad-owy Radovan Karadzic was in charge of the Serbs. And Mr. Karadzic and his gang provided political cover for the Muslims, too — who could criticize them as long as Serbian war criminals were still effectively in power? Now both the pretext and the political cover are gone. Republika Srpska has opted for peace. It's time for the Muslims to get serious about Dayton, too.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### Gore and the Temple

It took more than a year of prodding to get the Justice Department inter-ested in how the White House and the Democratic National Committee financed the 1996 campaign, but the indictments are flowing now. Maria Hsia is charged with laundering more than \$55,000 from the Buddhist temple luncheon for Vice President Al Gore on April 29, 1996.

A Senate committee's charge that Ms. Hsia was a Chinese intelligence agent during an eight-year period when she worked closely with Mr. Gore and the DNC has yet to be proved, but the tale of those years is too important to be lost amid war talk and sex scandals.

One fascinating aspect is the way Mr. Gore's memories of the temple event have evolved (to use the politest possible term) as more information has emerged. During the 1996 campaign he said his appearance at the Hsi Lai Temple was a "community outreach" event. Four months later he remembered that it was "finance related."

Indeed it was. According to a report by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, a witness recalled fundraising announcements from the podium. The committee found a memo from Harold Ickes to Mr. Gore telling him that the event would raise \$250,000 and be organized by John Huang, the DNC official who circu-

lated among the donors during lunch. If Mr. Gore was not aware that the presence of Mr. Huang and Ms. Hsia at the temple luncheon proved that money was being raised, we are dealing with obliviousness of a rare order.

Those two joined with the Clinton administration's wealthiest Asian supporters, the Riady family of Indonesia, to form a fund-raising group, the Pacific Leadership Council. In 1989, Ms. Hsia helped arrange a PLC fund-raiser for then Senator Gore that was attended by several monks and nuns from the Hsi Lai temple. Mr. Gore wrote Ms. Hsia a letter thanking her for helping finance his 1990 senatorial campaign.

He also traveled to Taiwan on a trip she arranged. Others who helped arrange that trip were Mr. Huang, later to emerge as the Democratic National Committee's main collector of tainted Asian money, and James Riady, whose family lobbied the White House to put Mr. Huang at the DNC.

While the Huang-Riady-Hsia team was in close contact with Mr. Gore, Ms. Hsia was developing a remarkable talent for getting nuns and monks to give to the Democrats. The Republicans believe that more than \$100,000 was laundered through Hsi Lai Temple monastics in 1996 alone.

Justice's formal charges and the related but more serious Republican allegations will be proved or disproved over time. Meanwhile, the pattern that emerges is provocative.

In Mr. Clinton's friend Charlie Trie and Mr. Gore's associate Maria Hsia, people with clear administration ties are being indicted at a smart clip. Finally, the Justice Department is moving. What we do not know is whether it is curious enough to follow the trail wherever, and however high, it leads. —THE NEW YORK TIMES.

### **Punishing Paparazzi**

In the grand scheme of things, the in a way that would cause a reasonable need of celebrities for protection person to fear bodily harm. Like the against photographers is not one of the critical issues facing America. It is getting inordinate attention now because of the death of Princess Diana and the fact that Hollywood has a lot of money for politicians who propose laws to restrict news gathering by the tabloids. A bill unveiled last week by Senators Dianne Feinstein, Democrat of California, and Orrin Hatch, Republican of Utah, is more responsible than some previous suggestions. But it still proposes restrictions that are at best unnecessary and at worst harmful to legitimate news gathering and the free-expression rights of citizens.

For example, under this proposal a photographer taking shots with a telephoto lens could, in some circumstances, be sued for trespassing if a photographer using a regular camera would have to go onto private property to take the shot. Americans, as amateurs and professionals, have been taking pictures for more than a century. To restrict that practice on the basis of focal length sounds like a bad joke. Existing

trespass laws are strict enough. The law's second big provision makes it a federal crime for photographers to repeatedly chase someone

person to fear bodily harm. Like the trespass provision, it seems to be leg-

islation in search of a problem. Senator Feinstein has referred to the anger the public felt when Monica Lewinsky had a traffic accident while her car was being pursued by reporters. But that incident would not have been covered by the bill, which is aimed only at photographers who continually follow a given celebrity. If anyone from the media drove in an unsafe way that put Ms. Lewinsky in peril, he or she can be charged with reckless endangerment under existing law.

For celebrities like movie stars, some loss of privacy goes with the territory. But when photographers begin to go too far on a regular basis, there are ways to protect them without harming the U.S. Constitution. In a decision that was taken as a sign of a new get-tough policy in the movie community, the two photographers who bothered Arnold Schwarzenegger and his family were recently found

guilty of false imprisonment. The Feinstein-Hatch bill has a fancy title, the Personal Privacy Protection Act, but it is really special-interest legislation for a small privileged group. —THE NEW YORK TIMES.

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#### **EDITORIALS/OPINION**

# Iraq and Indonesia: Jobs America Can't Do Alone

WASHINGTON — The Hegemon Problem of U.S. foreign policy was a few months ago an academic exercise confined to the State Department. Big thinkers pondered having someday to do something to counter backlash abroad to the overwhelming preponderance and use of American

economic and military power.

Iraq and Indonesia have changed someday into today. These overlapping crises point up America's power, global responsibility and vulnerability to being painted as an international bully. The potential for strong backlash against the United States in the Middle East and Asia has become an important

factor in the managing of both crises.

The Iraqi and Indonesian challenges to U.S. policy overlap in time and in potential for anti-American backlash. If mishandled, they will provide the Lilliputians of the world lots of rope to tie down Uncle Gulliver.

Iraq is a nagging remnant of the unresolved Gulf War of 1991, a throwback to issues of war and security that candidate Bill Clinton did not expect to loom large in his post-Cold War presidency. But the credible threat of devastating military force is the only effective instrument that he has found to use against Saddam Hussein.

By Jim Hoagland

Mr. Clinton's options have been clear from the beginning and spelled out over and over again in public declarations in an effort to get Saddam to yield.

Indonesia and its demands on American crisis management are totally dif-ferent. U.S. official talk has been min-Indonesia's explosive social tensions.

The high-level working group that meets almost daily in the office of Mr.

Clinton's chief of staff, Erskine Bowles, is a stealth operation.

The Clintonites have found the economic crisis more complex than Iraq, and seem less well-prepared to handle it Conflicting analyses from Treasury and State over whether and how Washington can help President Suharto ride out this crisis consume much of the

internal policy deliberations.

Mr. Suharto complicates the task by refusing to accept fully the program of change urged on him by Treasury and the International Monetary Fund. He points out that the IMF measures have not stabilized Indonesia's plummeting economy. But he does not offer any persuasive alternative, stubbornly sabotaging efforts to break up the network

of corruption and incompetence that this crisis has exposed. Treasury draws a rational economic

conclusion from such behavior. Pouring substantially more money into Indonesia now will not help as long as the regime does not have its act together.

Such waste could endanger U.S. chances to use emergency support funds later when help could make a difference. The Suharto regime is still falling, and has to hit bottom and bounce before significant new U.S. and

IMF help makes sense.

The State Department view is characterized by administration insiders as one of strategic desperation, a feeling the United States must act to help a big and important country, without knowing how. Mr. Suharto has ordered his military to put down unrest with whatever means necessary. Leaving him to sort out his own fate can only lead to greater disaster, in this view.

Six months after Indonesia's crisis began, the administration's longestterm goal appears to be buying a month's respite to allow Mr. Suharto to get a grip and finally begin a political transition toward pluralism. That outcome seems hopelessly ambitious at

That is bad enough. But this is worse:

The United States has borne the brunt of managing this unpromising situation virtually alone. Japanese, French and German banks are far more exposed to loan defaults and other calamities than are American banks, but Uncle Gulliver is the only foreign power that will be tagged with blame for losing Indonesia or for the painful reforms that others have surged to make

others have agreed to make.

Exposure to backlash is partly a matter of unavoidable reality: Only the United States shoulders global responsibilities. But this plight is also a result of the failure of the administration and of Congress to commit the United States to serious multilateralism.

Uncle Gulliver has enjoyed tossing the Lilliputians off when they have sought a serious share in NATO command arrangements, new UN Security Council permanent seats and other significant change in and commitment to international organizations.

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Solving the Hegemon Problem requires enmeshing the Europeans, Japanese and others in a different, prototypical American story. It is time to replace Gulliver with Tom Sawyer. Washington needs to figure out how to entice the others to volunteer to help paint the global fence, too.

The Washington Post.

#### Where Was Clinton While Saddam Was Recovering?

NEW YORK — For at least five months, all through the latest crisis created by Saddam Hussein, Bill Clinton failed to carry out one of the most important of any president's du-ties. With war clearly moving toward us, he owed it to Americans to speak to them early and often enough and with enough candor and detail that they could give him their support or withhold it - before jeers and catcalls, before bombs fell.

Even in his hourlong State of the Union Message last month he could find time for only one paragraph about Iraq. Mr. Clinton got around to de-

livering a speech on Iraq last Tuesday. He talked forcefully of the danger to the world of Saddam's chemical and biological weapons. He warned Saddam formally that the United States would mount an air attack on his weapons and weapon-making capability if he did not agree to a "diplomatic solution" that would permit full UN inspection By A.M. Rosenthal

of his weaponry. But just about that Saddam will keep the every question growing from promise this time? Suppidity is the danger and the warning was left as camouflaged, murky or unanswered as it has been these past months — in fact, all through the Clinton presidency.

For seven years, he said, Saddam has refused to carry out the cease-fire agreement of 1991 to reveal all his weapons and weapon capability. Saddam, he said, has done everything he could to block UN inspectors harassment, lies, closing suspected sites to them.

Who was president for six of those years? What did he do to end Iraq's campaign against full inspection, from the day of his inauguration? Why not?

Now, to prevent or shorten attacks. Saddam is asked by the president to do no more than make the same cynical promise to permit inspection that he has broken since 1991.

Does Mr. Clinton believe chooses he can make crews operated with the United States.

the bigger cynic, the man who makes the promise or the man who pretends that the world can

for a moment believe it? Mr. Clinton did say that if Saddam someday breaks his word again, we will hit him again. Is that supposed to be good news for Americans --that American carriers, planes and servicemen and women will have to be kept on alert indefinitely in the Mideast while Saddam carries the whistle to call them to action

whenever he chooses? America pays for Saddam's adventure in many ways. Foreign anger, real or whipped up, and the cost of mustering and maintaining an attack force are the least of them. The families of American personnel pay in tension and separation. If he mention a penalty for Saddam for bringing the world to crisis, whether or not be promises again to allow inspection?

The president says bombing Saddam's 'diminish'' biological chemical and weapons strength — a painfully modest goal. The fundamental job, acknowledged or not, is to get rid of him, any way. Bombing alone will not do that. In time the right penalties could, if we start immediately.

Not long ago, Iraqi opposi-tion movements and their armed units controlled territory in northern and southern Iraq. But in 1995 the Clinton administration watched while Saddam's armed helicopters and his tanks, granted to him as a cease-fire present by the Bush administration, went into action.

They took over opposition territory and slaughtered Iraqis who in their struggle had co-

of planes pay with their lives. The failure of Washington to Why does the president not take action cost the Iraqi people, and the world, a fighting chance to have done with Saddam.

By letting Saddam get away penalty-free if he again just says "I promise you," the United States loses its chance to rebuild the opposition. The penalty of total prohibition of all flights and military movements by Iraqi forces would prevent his use of gunships and tanks against the opposition.

Simultaneously the United States should help create and support a dissident government in exile. With U.S. aid and fidelity, and an unashamed U.S. goal of overthrowing Saddam, the opposition can regroup. It will be hard for America to do, but not as hard as it was for Iraqi dissidents to die waiting for American help.

Perhaps the reason Mr. Clinton evades so many questions is in the first two: Who was president? What did he do?

# Snug in Our Living Rooms While the Bombs Drop Afar

JEW YORK — "War hath ♥ no fury like a noncombatant," said C. E. Montague, the writer and veteran of World War I. Nothing has changed, except that now there are more

noncombatants than ever. We can all watch the upcoming war on television. No danger there. If it gets boring, we can switch to "Seinfeld."

Bill Clinton, in charge of whipping up support for the war, has done some of his planning on the golf course. And just the other night he took time out to party with Democratic fat cats in the luxurious enclosed community of Llewellyn Park in West Orange, New Jersey, Twenty-five thousand dollars a

couple. "It was lovely," said a Democratic insider. "It didn't even seem like New Jersey."

By Bob Herbert

In the absence of any real sense of danger, any threat to one's personal well-being or way of life, it becomes easier and easier to drop bombs on foreign lands. War becomes a voyeuristic, jingoistic pastime, with the progress discussed at work each day, over coffee.

No clearly articulated goal is needed, no long-term perspective, no serious discussion of the moral or ethical implications of the carnage one is so offhandedly unleashing.

Albright, in an appearance on NBC's "Today" show, put the matter as plainly as could be: "If we have to use force, it is because we are America. We are the indispensable nation.

We stand tall. We see further into the future." Has there ever been a better example of the arrogance of power? Americans are becoming drunk with the idea that we are the world's only superpower and therefore can do whatever

we want to whomever we want. The case has been made that Saddam Hussein is a menace. No one who is sane can doubt Secretary of State Madeleine it. He is a warmonger and mass

that Iraq is in rains, and he remains a deadly threat to anyone within his sphere of influence. He has chemical and biological weapons and is mad enough to use them. So we are sold on the fact that

Saddam is a bad guy. The question is what to do about him. The answer, according to the Clinton administration, is to drop bombs on Iraq to teach him a lesson and "seriously diminish" his threat to others.

But, said Mr. Clinton, the bombing will neither destroy Saddam's stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons nor prevent him from creating new weapons. So after the bombing, according to the administration's own assessment, Saddam will still be around, he will still have weapons of mass destruction, and he will still be a threat to use them. This is not a well thought out policy.

Mrs. Albright doesn't even think the United States is contemplating war. She told students at Tennessee State University in Nashville: "We are talking about using military force, but we are not talking about a war. That is an important distinction.

That is an amazing distinction. The GIs who have packed their gear, left their families and headed off to the Middle East are fully aware that they might not come back. They think this

The problem in a nutshell is

murderer. It is because of him that this war, if it happens, will be fought by professionals but is being planned by amateurs. Bill Clinton is no warrior, nor is Madeleine Albright.

That is why there are no

clearly stated strategic goals. That is why the country ended up with the pathetic spectacle last Wednesday of the nation's three top foreign policy officials being shouted at by protesters while trying to sell

the war Oprah-style. And that is why we have so few allies in this adventure. Poverty-stricken and humil-

iated Iragis continue to die by the tens of thousands from the combined effects of Saddam's murderous folly and the unsuccessful attempts to stop him. To kill even more Iraqis without any sort of plan to bring the overall bloodshed to an eventual halt cannot possibly be justified.

I don't believe Americans want to take their cue from Curtis LeMay and bomb Iraq into the Stone Age. But we are in danger of doing just that. In our anger at Saddam, we are willing to needlessly sacrifice the lives of thousands of innocent civilians. And leave him standing. Either bring down Saddam,

or stop the killing.
Bombing people into oblivion for no good reason is a descent into barbarism. In the fury of our righteousness, and from the safety of our living rooms, we are in danger of becoming a nation without a conscience.

The New York Times.

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#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1898: Maine Inquiry

PARIS — [The Herald says in an editorial:] An official inquiry into the cause of the Maine disaster has now been opened in Havana. The Government has decided not to make the evidence public piecemeal, but all at once, on the conclusion of the investigation, which, it is said, may take three weeks. The only bar to the calm indicial temperament with which the matter should be viewed is in the frantic outbursts of the New York yellow jour-

nals, which seem to be doing all they can to create trouble between the United States and Spain over the disaster.

1923: U.S. and France

last night [Feb. 22] at the annual

of Paris. There could be no disguising the fact that the part of America represented at the banquet was standing heart and soul behind M. Barthou, the president of the Reparation Commission, when he said: France, ravaged and menaced, has less need of glory than of reparation and security.

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# Clinton Less Than Believable

WASHINGTON — The chickens are coming home to roost. Not on the Monica Lewinsky story but on something much more important: the credibility of the Clinton administration to conduct

foreign and domestic policy. The dramatic evidence of the doubts sown by five years of clever but evasive leadership came in the outright skepticism of many in the crowd at Ohio State University questioning President Bill Clinton's top national security officials about his policy in Iraq. A less publicized but pointed and highly personal rebuke occurred in Congress just before its recent holiday break.

What happened to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Defense Secretary William Cohen and national security adviser Samuel Berger when they faced students and townspeople in Columbus last Wednesday sent a dangerous signal of national

disunity to the whole world. Just 24 hours after Mr. Clinton belatedly made his first serious effort to explain his Iraq policy to the people, his top lieutenants ran into a buzz saw of skeptics who clearly had not been swayed by presidential rhetoric. It was the culmination of too many years of Mr. Clinton acting as if public opinion and congressional support were unimportant in the conduct of foreign policy.

He got no resolution from Congress backing his judgment when he sent troops to Haiti and Bosnia no permission from Capitol Hill for his bailout of Mexico, no grant of trade negotiating authority that previous presidents had enjoyed, and, just this month, no resolution of support on Iraq.

By David S. Broder

Now, on the brink of a showdown, he is scrambling to demonstrate to Saddam Hussein that the dissension in Columbus, which Saddam undoubtedly saw on CNN, does not mean that the United States

is divided and irresolute. For weeks, Clinton aides have been brandishing his approval ratings as if they were an answer to every doubt. Polls soar when times are good and a president is asking nothing of the people. But when a test comes, credibility turns out to

be damned important. It is always important in moving an agenda on Capitol Hill. This month, House Republicans showed how little

credibility he has with them. The issue was his plan, announced with fanfare last year, for national standards and tests to measure every pupil's progress. In last month's State of the Union address he said: "Thanks to the action of this Congress last year, we will soon have, for the first time, a voluntary national test based on national standards in fourth-grade reading and

eighth-grade math. That statement, like many others Mr. Clinton has made, was thoroughly misleading without being literally false.

Last year the Senate endorsed the proposal with some modifications, but the House overwhelmingly said "no." Mr. Clinton accepted a compromise allowing work on the tests to continue this year but barring any trial runs at least through next Sept. 30.

As the nonpartisan Congressional Quarterly reported in

November, the deal "would essentially postpone White House plans to fully administer the tests in the spring of 1999" and require the administration to come back to Congress before it

could do so later.

That did not keep Mr. Clinton from announcing unilaterally when he signed the compromise legislation in November that the tests will be ... piloted in schools next October," a claim repeated for weeks on the Education Department Web site. None of this sat well with Chairman Bill Goodling of the

House Committee on Education. As he told me the other day. "They still were acting like they were going full-speed ahead, when they do not have the legal authority to do so." To make his point, the chair-man on Feb. 5 got the House to pass a simple piece of legis-lation saying that no funds may

ministering national exams without specific permission from Congress. Instead of the issue being considered quietly over the next w months, with the prospect of another compromise, Mr. Clinton's exaggerations led Mr. Goodling and the Republicans

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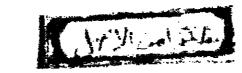
to draw a line in the sand. The White House response is to accuse the Republicans of partisanship — and, yes, to invoke the ever popular "right-wing conspiracy." Two senior presidential advisers told me off the record, of course — that because Mr. Goodling has a conservative challenger in his upcoming primary, he is "trying to appease the right wing.

Is it any wonder this president's credibility is crumbling?

PARIS — Under the spell of the life and example of George Washington, America and France solemnly clasped hands

1948: Eva Braun MUNICH - Eva Braun is

ficial registry office of Greater Berlin reported [Feb. 21]. Dr. Otto Gritschneder, lawyer for Eva's mother, Fran Franziska Braun, requested confirmation of Eva's death and marriage in order to settle property matters. She received the following answer from Standeseamter Grod, Berlin official: "The death of the alleged Eva Hitler cannot be documented. No death report has banquet of the American Club been received in this office."



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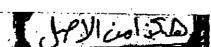
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ledge of the
country's history and culture, even first-time visitors
are likely to arrive in Thailand with some experience
of the country's cuisine.
From Paris to Sydney, sophisticated diners have
come to appreciate a properly prepared bowl of tom
yam gung (shrimp soup
flavored with lemongrass)
or kaeng khiao wan (green
curry). It's a small wonder,
therefore, that so many
people are eager to try
these and other delicacies
in the place where they
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Beginning as fairly
simple fare, easily available
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tivers. Thai cooking has
evolved over the centuries
into a complex creation, influenced by a number of
other cultures and distinguished by a tantalizing
blend of subtle flavors. The
distinctive taste derives
from a wide selection of
herbs and spices. Chili peppers, brought from tropical
America by European explorers in the early 16th
cennury, play an important

role. Also prominent are ginger, garlic, black pepper. shallots, lime, mint, and both seeds and leaves of coriander (another early introduction, incidentally). Less familiar to a Western chef may be fragrant lemongrass, Kaffir lime, galangal (a member of the ginger family), aromatic Pandanus leaves, sour Tamarind pulp, and several kinds of fresh basil peculiar to Asian cooking.
All these are combined

with vegetables, fruits, freshwater fish and prawns, seafood and assorted meats to create dishes that vary from region to region. Curries in the north tend to be milder, and neighboring Myanmar (Burma) exerts an influence in such dishes as khao sov, a curry broth with egg noodles and beef. Northeasterners like their food highly spiced: som tam (green papaya salad, liberally laced with chillies), larb (spicy minced meat) and kai yang (spicy barbecued chicken) are favorites.

People in both regions like steamed glutinous rice, traditionally kneaded into

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The tourism industry always needs innovation, and any destination that wants continued growth must constantly update its vacation services and products to tempt international travelers. Thailand is very fortunate in this regard, with its enormous diversity: sightseeing tours, beach vacations, traditional and modern entertainment. sports, shopping, gastronomy and — the latest major industry growth segment — eco-tourism and adventure

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boost both the volume and economic value of tourism.

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The two-year "Amazing Thailand" promotional cam-

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combine a week or more of challenging sports with beach or sightseeing itineraries.

Perhaps the most original of the Royal Orchid Hol-idays selections is "Active Thailand," a program of adventure, sports and other special theme vacation packages, covering a wide variety of activities. Active Thailand is aimed at the more energetic traveler. This program, which is the most recent tourism development in Thailand, appeals especially to younger visitors.

Adventurous travelers can experience the unique attraction of sea canoeing, go scuba diving or sail a traditional junk around the scenic waters of Phuket Island and Phangnga Bay. They can explore rugged jungles and hills of remote areas in northern and southern Thailand on foot, by mountain bike, or in four-wheel-drive vehicles.

For a less strenuous adventure, they may ride the nostalgic Eastern & Oriental Express train between Bangkok and Singapore or Chiang Mai, or sail aboard the 'Star Flyer," a magnificent square-rigged clipper ship in the Andaman Sea. Travelers might, however, prefer to spend time mastering the art of delicious Thai cuisine, or lose weight and get fit in Thailand's exclusive health N THE EARLY YEARS OF

the present century, Western tastes were all the rage, and Bangkok's markets were full of Europeanmade goods. It seemed as if native crafts might even disappear completely, along with the skills that created them.

But this did not come to pass. Even then, artisans were busy employing their talents throughout the countryside, as they still do today. That crafts are distinguished by the high quality of their workmanship, which often involves ancient techniques, and they are a memorable bargain for shoppers in search of

something special.

Many of the techniques came from other cultures: China, India and perhaps even more distant places like Persia. Nevertheless, they almost always took on Thai characteristics, often ending up very different from the crafts of their places of origin.

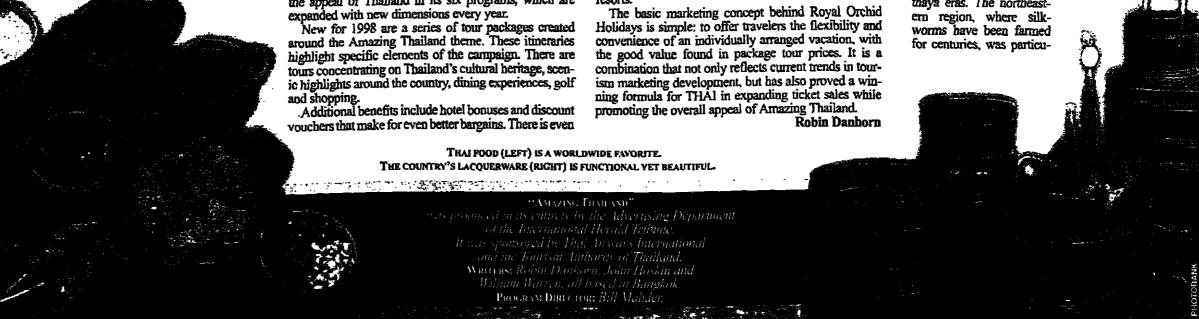
Silk weaving is one example. It is probably one of the skills brought by the first Thais when they began to migrate to their present homeland, and it was certainly widely practiced in the Sukhothai and Ayutthaya eras. The northeastlarly famous for the quality of its textiles; many of these drew inspiration from neighboring countries like Laos and Cambodia for their elegant patterns and weaving styles.

After World War II, an American named Jim Thompson discovered Thai silk and made it a worldfamous export, where it shimmered on the Broadway stage in "The King and I" and was soon coveted by interior decorators and fashion designers.

Today's decorators are enjoying a love affair with Thai cotton. It is handwoven and comes in a wide range of weights and designs.

Other Thai crafts also display an artistic skill combined with a painstaking attention to detail. Woodcarvers transform teak and other hardwoods into intricate masterpieces full of swirling designs and mythical creatures as well as into fine furniture of all kinds. Bamboo and rattan, both in plentiful supply, are

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#### AIRLINE OUTDOES ITSELF IN EFFORTS TO KEEP THE CUSTOMER SATISFIED

and promote customer loyalty, airlines constantly seek to improve their service. Thai Airways

International (THAI) is no

The airline has long enjoyed a reputation for superior customer service, and it comfort continues to offer passengers

more, both in the air and on the ground.

Royal First Class cabins on In its ongoing efforts to its new B747-400s with 180-degree reclining seats. ensure passengers greater on long-haul Scating in Royal Executive flights, THAI has equipped Class has also been up-

graded with leg rests and a special compartment in other improvements designed to ensure a more

restful flight. In-flight entertainment has also been upgraded. For example, THAI has introduced in-seat videos in the Royal First and Royal Executive Class cabins of selected aircraft. Another advance is video Walkman units, which are available on request to Royal First and Royal Executive Class passengers on all intercontinental flights. The library of videocassettes on board includes first-run home video and classic movies, sports, humor and special interest features. This service not only gives a per-

sonal choice of movies, but

also allows passengers to

interrupt the tape for a meal or sleep if they wish.

Passengers are also dining better on THAI, thanks to an exciting new in-flight catering service. For Royal First Class passengers on selected flights from Bangkok to Europe, THAI's "Supper Royal" offers nine gournet menus, available with advance booking. These range from authentic shark's fin soup and a Thai-style salmon soufflé to Thai curries and vegetarian specialties.

Two-fold benefit The idea behind this service is two-fold, offering a wider choice of dining and prompter service. Since Royal First Class passengers can select their meal in

RELAXATION TAKES DIFFERENT FORMS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE. PASSENCERS CAN STICK TO THEIR OWN SCHEDULES.

advance, the meal can be served soon after take-off. This allows passengers more time to relax, enjoy inflight entertainment, read,

work or sleep. THAI has also introduced innovative dining on flights between Thailand and Japan, where passengers may order from a selection of Japanese culinary favorites.

Economy Class passengers may now order their meal in advance, with a minimum of 48 hours' notice, while Royal Executive Class travelers may select from four Japanese menus on flights out of Japan and three menus on flights from Bangkok.

Greater benefits are not limited to in-flight service.

Travelers purchasing Royal First Class or Royal Executive Class tickets in the United Kingdom, for example, can take advantage of a new, free himousine transfer in London: The service links Health with Amport (Terminal Three) with any destination within a 50-mile

In Bangkok, THAI has launched a 24-hour, seven days-a-week telephone reservations system. By calling 628-2000 or 280-0060. passengers can obtain immediate confirmation of flight bookings or lastminute schedule changes. These are just some of the ways that THAI is showing its dedication to improving customer service.

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HAILAND HAS ONE of the richest culfascinating attractions in al- open-air museum in Udon most every region. At the Thani. Excavations made same time, the country's by the Fine Arts Departpresent-day culture is vividly ment show where the obalive, drawing inspiration jects were found. from the outside world as well as from deeply rooted

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Khmer heritage

Other ruins in the northeast date from the period when gkor Wat were erected More than 3,000 years be-throughout the region, comthe finest examples of to be found outside Cam-

> Among them is Prasat Hin Phimai in Nakhon with Angkor - it has been beautifully restored under the supervision of the great

Another important site from the same period is Prasat Phanom Ruang, scenically located on a hill in Buri Ram Province. A 200-meter (220-yard) aven-

ue leads to the main struc-

ture, which is adorned with

superb stone carvings.

International recognition The remains of two of Thailand's former capitals have been designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Sukhothai, 480 kilometers (300 miles) from Bangkok in the north-central region, was established in the early 13th century when two Thai chieftains joined forces to overthrow their Khmer overlords. It was in Sukhothai that the Thai alphabet was devised; a paternal form of monarchy evolved; and distinctively Thai forms of Buddhist sculpture and architecture emerged, in particular the graceful lotus-bud finial adoming

that can still be seen today. Ayutthaya, from which the kingdom was ruled for 400 years, lies on an ar-

many of the ruined temples

tificial island in the Chao mountain overlooking Chi-Phraya River just a few ang Mai. hours from Bangkok by

CULTURAL HERITAGE OF MANY ERAS

Capital treasures boat. This was a cosmopolitan metropolis that

splendor at its peak in the

17th century, when it re-

ceived an embassy from the

court of Louis XIV. Al-

though the city was des-

troyed by Burmese invaders

in 1767, its present-day ru-

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extensive historical park,

remain memorable because

of their scale and the

glimpse they offer of a van-

Thai, developed in the far

north. Cut off from the rest

of the country by a high

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ished power.

Established as the capital in traded not only with neigh-1782, Bangkok is today the center of Thailand's modboring countries but also with distant Persia and em life and commerce, as Europe. It achieved a fabled

well as a repository of the nation's traditional culture. Few sights in the world can be more amazing than the mile-square enclosure containing the Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha in the city's original center. It is a spectacular collection of multi-tiered roofs, gilded spires, ornate woodcarvings and shimmering glass mosaics. The palace complex was begun by King Rama L founder of the present Chakri Dynasty. Sub-

sequent rulers further em-

bellished it, even well into the present century.
Other major Bangkok at-

tractions that coexist with the city's skyline of contemporary buildings in-clude Wat Arun, the Temple of Dawn — with its 79meter central prang, or tower, adorned with flashing bits of multicolored porcelain - and Wat Pho, the largest temple in the kingdom, where the gigantic Reclining Buddha is enshrined. Many of Thailand's greatest cultural treasures can be seen in the National Museum, which houses over a thousand items from prehistoric times to the modern Bangkok era.

Thai culture by no means consists solely of imposing monuments and buildings.

Many traditional art forms and ways of life continue to be a part of the present-day scene, so that even in bustling Bangkok a visitor is likely to experience moments that would not have seemed out of place centuries ago.

Music and theater The classical masked dance known as khon is still performed, telling ancient stories drawn from the Ra-

makien, the Thai version of the Indian epic Ramayana, in which the characters wear costumes studded with jewels and often elaborate masks.

Another old form of theater is the shadow play, which came to Thailand from Malaysia and Indonesia and tells its familiar tales with the aid of cut-out figures manipulated against an illuminated screen. Traditional Thai music often ac-

THE SEAN PARKAND PAUXOL (BIG OW).

companies such entertainment and can also be heard at concerts, religious ceremonies, and even kick-boxing bouts.

In addition, several theaters in Bangkok stage modem musicals and plays. sometimes using old techniques in new ways blending modern dance, for instance, with traditional Thai music.

Jazz clubs offer a wide range of styles, from Dixieland to hard rock. Western classical music is performed by such groups as the Bangkok Symphony Orchestra and visiting ensembles from abroad.

Art exhibitions abound, and Thai painters, sculptors, silversmiths and other artisans are often featured at galleries and shops. Old and new, Thailand's cultural offerings have something to surprise, delight, and charm almost anyone.

#### WHERE PAST INFORMS PRESENT

OR SOME VISITORS, THE MOST TREASURED MEMORY of their stay in Thailand may not be those incredible glittering temples and imposing ancient ruins, but rather their experience of its traditional ways of life, many of which remain remarkably intact despite the pressures of modern life.

A short trip out of any bustling city takes one into the countryside, where a majority of the kingdom's people still live in villages and, like their ancestors, still derive their livelihood from agriculture. Rice remains the basic crop, its cultivation determining the whole year's cycle of work as well as many of its festivals, but it is by no means the only source of rural prosperity. Many areas are famous for their fruits: longans and strawberries in Chiang Mai, mangos in Ratchaburi and orchards along the Chao Phraya River, rambutans and durians in Chanthaburi and Rayong, pineapples in Hua Hin, coconuts in most of the south.

Other crops contribute to the national revenues, e.g., sugarcane, rubber, cassava, maize, soybeans, orchids for cut-flower production, and mulberry trees to feed silkworms. One of the best-known projects initiated by King Bhumibol Adulyadej was the introduction of temperate fruits, vegetables and flowers to farmers of the far north, where some tribes formerly depended on opium cultiv-

Besides increasing agricultural variety, a trip through rural areas reveals other enduring aspects of Thai life. One is the influence of Buddhism, often muted in big cities, though never entirely absent. Except in the far south, where most people are Muslim, the Buddhist temple is the center of social as well as spiritual activity in a village. Most young men will be ordained as monks at some time in their lives usually before they marry and start families of their own and this is always an occasion for widespread celebration. Resident monks advise on local problems, deliver sermons and, in more remote places, serve as teachers.

Water played a central role in traditional Thai life and still does in many regions. Villages were located on or near rivers, and a complex network of waterways brought nourishment to fields and orchards. Boats were the commonest form of transportation, and fashioning an artful fish-trap was a basic skill for farmers in their leisure hours.

To a present-day visitor stalled in Bangkok's rush-hour traffic, it may seem that these aspects of Thailand have vanished - surely the old sobriquet "Venice of the East" no longer applies. But those who look more carefully might be surprised. As part of the Amazing Thailand activities, Klong Padung Kasem, one of the city's oldest canals, has been cleaned up and provided with oar-powered boats to transport visitors four times a day (first trip at 10 A.M., last one at 4 P.M.) through an area rich in atmosphere.

Better still, tourists can simply hire a boat and go for a lateafternoon cruise along the klongs, or canals, of Thonburi, just across the Chao Phraya, and discover many aspects of a more leisurely life. Families go about their daily routine in open-fronted wooden houses or bathe in the passing stream; ornate little pavilions on the water announce the presence of a wat; spirit houses proclaim the continuing existence of old beliefs; and a sudden riot of color may announce an orchid

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#### **OLD CRAFTS FOR NEW NEEDS**



A COTTON WEAVER CREATES

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deftly woven into baskets and other items that are at once practical and

aesthetically pleasing.

The art of making fine pottery and ceramics, harking back in Thai history at least 700 years, is still employed to produce everything from sea-green celadon to beautiful reproductions of classic Chinese dishware. In addition, there is lacquerware, sometimes adorned with delicate gold-and-black paintings; silverware, native to the northern region, with complex designs applied by patient pounding; the ceremonial craft of nielloware, silver and gold objects with incised designs; and products like handpainted parasols, another northern specialty, and supple sa paper made from the bark of a tree and used for a variety of purposes. Some traditional skills are now em-

ployed to draw contemporary shoppers. Bronze tableware, for instance, is available in styles to suit almost any taste and can be coated with silicon to prevent tarnishing. The craft of fash-ioning gold into countless delicate objects has spawned a modern jewelry industry with exports throughout the world. The jewelry often uses precious stones like rubies, sapphires, zircons, and opals that are mined in Thailand.

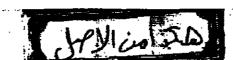
Thai craftsmanship is also evident in up-to-date items like ready-to-wear clothing (high fashion as well as sportswear), leather goods, toys, and artificial plants and flowers found in every market and shopping center.

Regional specialties

Various regions are noted for certain crafts. Chiang Mai in the north is the most famous; it is a center for woodcarvers, silversmiths, lacquer makers, parasol painters and other artisans who draw on northern materials and expertise. In the northeast, silk and cotton weaving are long-established skills --most of the silks for the original production of "The King and I" were produced in the village of Pak Thong Chai near Nakhon Ratchasima (Khorat) - while southern artisans claim many of the finest examples of nielloware and yan lipao, the latter a particularly fine basketry woven from the hard stems of a native vine.

Nearly every Thai craft, wherever it originates, can be found sooner or later in Bangkok. Outlets include Narayana Phand on Rajadamri Road, a government-backed organization that stocks almost every kind of handicraft, and the River City Shopping Center next to the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel, where two floors are devoted to topquality antique and new items from Thailand and neighboring countries. The Chitralada shops (one in the departure lounge of the International Airport) feature products made for Her Majesty the Queen's SUPPORT Foundation. The products include fine embroidery, yan lipao evening bags, and lustrous ikat silks.

Perhaps the greatest concentration of Thai goods is found at the Weekend Market, held every Saturday and Sunday at Chatuchak Park. In several thousand stalls, almost everything made or grown in the kingdom is on sale, from textiles and ceramics to fresh spices and wild orchids. The only difficulty for a shopper in Thailand is trying to choose from the infinite variety of tempting goods.



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HAILAND HAS long been established as an exceptionally rewarding travel destination. The country is not only an end in itself, however, but also a means to reach neighboring countries. Thai Airways International (THAI) enhances the geographical advantage by offering more flights to more countries in Asia than any other airline, serving 36 key points around the region, in addition to 22 domestic destinations.

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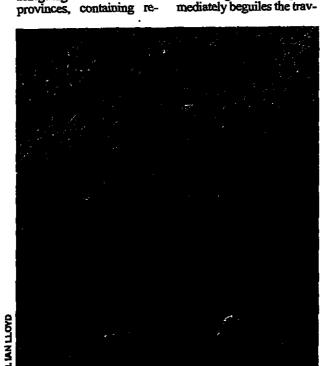
established Besides neighboring tourism spots, such as Malaysia and Singapore, Thailand - located in the heart of Southeast Asia — has become the main gateway for what bavel professionals are calling the Greater Mekong Subregion. This covers the Yuman province in southern China, Myanmar (Burma), Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, as well as northern and northeastern Thailand. These areas, once difficult to visit, are increasingly accessible. They provide fascinating insights ento the region's extraordimary wealth of historical, fultural and scenic sights. All of the countries tra-

ersed or bordered by the Mekong, Southeast Asia's longest river, are different. Each has its own charm and encompasses sights as varjed as the lands themselves. Ancient monuments and old royal capitals bear witess to an illustrious past, while today's lifestyles present a fascinating contrast Natural beauty is abundant, ranging from mountain gorges to forested valleys, from vast flood plains to the myriad waterways of the delta. Moreover, because the Mekong has been little ex-

plored or exploited, the region is among the most pristine in the world.

In the north of the region, Yunnan is easily reached from Bangkok by direct THAI flights to the provincial capital, Kunming. This charming city successfully blends reminders of a long past with a welcome degree

of modern comforts. Yunnan is one of the most intriguing of all China's



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limited. Today, the country

is rapidly expanding its

hotel and tourism infra-

structure, and tourists can

see more of this "golden land" than ever before.

Yangon (Rangoon), the

capital, is just a short flight

from Bangkok. The city im-

AN AKHA HILLTRIBE VILLAGE OVERLOOKS THE MARKOK RIVER IN THE NORTH OF THAILAND.

markable diversity in its population of 24 ethnic mmorities in addition to the Han Chinese majority. The area has a staggering variety of natural scenery. Examples include high mountains around Lijiang, Ethai Lake by the historic little town of Dali and the lush sub-tropical greenery of the Xishuangbanna region,

centered on Jinghong. Equally varied in attractions is Myanmar, where,

sights as the Shwedagon Pagoda, the biggest and most important Buddhist shrine in the country. To the north lies Mandalay, Burma's last royal capital, and still the spiritual and cultural heart of the nation. The country's third major destination, Pagan, presents the awesome sight of more than 2,000 temple ruins dating to the 11th century. Yangon, Mandalay and

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Pagan are the must-see desand arguably Asia's single tinations, but with so much gical site. more of the country becoming increasingly accessible, there is the chance to ex-

plore farther afield and discover remote and picturesque places untouched by the modern world, in a land where travel is still an ad-The smallest of the Mekong countries is Laos. whose attraction lies in its splendors of Angkor.

quiet, traditional character and the glimpses it affords of old Asia. The THAL flight to Vientiane takes less than an hour. What a dif-THE PLEASURES OF ference an hour makes to the visitor, who is suddenly immersed in another era, in THE THAI TABLE a tiny, tranquil capital city

OWD. A sense of Shangri-La is even more pronounced in Luang Prabang, the old royal Lao capital hidden amid the folds of high junglecovered mountains, Wonderfully preserved in this utterly enchanting town are exquisite examples of traditional Buddhist monasteries. Their fantastic architecture is the very stuff of Oriental fairy tales.

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Southern Laos is also well worth exploring. The town of Pakse is the gateway to the Khone falls, the largest cataracts on the Mekong, and to the evocative temple ruins of Wat

After its tragic recent history, Cambodia is emerging as one of the region's prime tourist attractions. The big draw, of course, is the extensive temple complex ruins of Angkor — especially the huge 12th-century Angkor Wat, the largest religious building in the world

A GATEWAY TO MEKONG GETAWAYS

most spectacular archaeolo-The Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh, is little more than an hour's flight from Bangkok. If it lacks the monumental quality of Angkor, it has worthwhile sights such as the National Museum. This museum houses one of the world's finest collections of ancient Khmer art and provides an excellent foretaste of the

Larger and more densely

populated than its immediate Mekong neighbors, Vietnam is also culturally distinct. Whereas ancient Laos and Cambodia were influenced by India, Vietnam's cultural roots are Chinese. Thus art, architecture, re-

are quite different. The two principal destinations are Hanoi, the capital in the north, and the bustling commercial center of Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) in the south, both of which have

ligion and the social fabric nightclubs.

direct air links with Bangkok. Hanoi is the smaller, quieter and more traditional of the two, noted for its lakes, parks and pagodas, as well as some finely preserved French colonial architecture. In contrast, Ho Chi Minh City is a lively metropolis, more modern and more commercial, with a wealth of hotels, restaurants, shops and

Immediately south of Ho Chi Minh City is the Mekong delta, a setting of exceptional topographic and cultural interest, while noteworthy attractions lying between Ho Chi Minh

City and Hanoi include the coastal resort of Nha Trang: the former colonial hill station of Dalat; Danang, major port and center of ancient Cham culture; and Hue, the old imperial cap-

Excursions in Mekong subregion from Bangkok can be as brief as a day or two for a visit to Vientiane, the Lao capital. Or they may be as long as 14 days or more to explore Vietnam from north to south, or to tour the major sights of Myanmar. Two or three countries can easily be

WESTERNERS LEARN TO COOK THAI FOOD AT A LEADING BANGKOK HOTEL.

aration classes. Several other Bangkok hotels also offer lessons, as do a number of places outside the capital, such as the Boathouse on Kata Beach in Phuket, where the resident chef conducts weekend culinary workshops limited to 10 participants.

#### A HAVEN FOR NATURE LOVERS

size of France, Thailand offers far wider range of climate and scenery than many very large countries. What makes Thailand even more alluring is the fact that all these natural attractions are easily accessible.

Forested mountains rise in the far north and northeast, and temperatures on the heights can drop close to freezing on a winter night. By contrast, the southern islands of Phuket in the Andaman Sea and Koh Samui in the Gulf of Thailand remain balmy all year round. The dry season in Chiang Mai (and Bangkok) lasts six months, with only sporadic rain for another three. The south has monsoon rains for five months, though not at the same time on either side of the peninsula.

The landscape is equally varied. In the fertile Central Plains, one of the world's greatest rice-growing regions, scarcely any signif-icant elevation breaks the mainland tracts but also nuflat expanses stretching to the horizon. In the northeast, however, the land rises steeply to the Khorat plateau and in the north to lush mountains and valleys that extend to the borders of Myanmar and Laos. The southern coastline is 2,700 kilometers (1,678 miles) long on either side of the long peninsula, with spectacular limestone cliffs and some of the world's most beautiful white-sand beaches and idyllic offshore islands.

To help preserve some of this natural beauty, the first national park, Khao Yai, was established in 1961 at the beginning of the northeastern plateau. Over the years since, 78 others have been designated by the govemment, along with 89 wildlife and non-hunting sanctuaries and 35 forest reserves. The total amounts to fully 13 percent of Thailand's land area and inmerous island groups and mangrove swamps along the southern coasts. Nature lovers can choose

almost any kind of scenery they want, as well as a variety of ways to enjoy it. In Khao Yai National Park only a few hours by car from Bangkok - an alert birdwatcher can spot 318 identified migrant and resident species, and Thailand as a whole has nearly a thousand species. Wild elephants, gibbons, mouse deer, Malayan sun bears and fish-eating monkeys abound, and a botanyminded explorer can find more than 500 species of trees as well as over a thou-

sand orchid varieties. Hiking is a favorite activity in the parks, many of which have simple but adequate facilities for longer visits. In northeastern Loei Province, close to the border of Laos, a nine-kilometer trail (open only during

the dry season) leads to a flat-topped mountain summit where tents can be rented for the night. In the far north, a trek may include not only natural wonders but also a glimpse of the exotic tribal people who make their homes at higher elevations, following ways of life that have changed little since they were first exposed to modern ways not so many decades ago. Mountain biking has be-

come a popular way to see the countryside, especially around the northern centers of Chiang Mai and Mae Hong Son. Other new ecoadventures include whitewater rafting along a number of rivers and more leisurely expeditions on elephantback or aboard a bamboo raft. Islands in both the Gulf of Thailand and the Andaman Sea are ideal for discovering the wonders of deep-sea diving. Trips can be arranged by sea canoe or larger charter boats.

William Warren

#### BEATING, AND JOINING, THE COMPETITION

and Kunming.

HAI AIRWAYS INTERNATIONAL (THAI), ONE OF THE region's premier carriers, is always aware of the competitive pressure of the aviation industry. The airline continues to upgrade its operations in order to offer passengers the utmost in service and convenience.

THAI is undergoing the most significant changes in its 38-year history. Under its current five-year development plan, the airline is upgrading its fleet with 21 new aircraft, including the latest Boeing 747-400, 777-

300, 737-400, Airbus 300-600R and 330-300 jets. The Thai carrier is also expanding its route network, which covers more than 70 destinations in 36 countries. Recent additions include Jakarta-Sydney and more flights on several established routes.

The new Jakarta-Sydney routing is operated as a non-stop, four-times-weekly service using Airbus A300-600 jets. These new flights give passengers a convenient evening departure time from Jakarta, with an early morning return from Sydney.

THAI's Bangkok-Sydney flights have increased from daily to 11 times a week and offer a choice of departure times, afternoon or evening, out of Bangkok with a return from Sydney in the early

morning or afternoon. Connections onward to Europe are excellent. In Europe, THAI has upped its Bangkok-Munich service to six flights a

week, all non-stop, of which three are operated by Thailand's flag carrier and three code-shared with Lufthansa. From Munich, THAI passengers can catch frequent Lufthansa flights to Berlin, Cologne, Düsseldorf, Hamburg

and Hamover. Closer to home, THAI has boosted flights to Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam and to Vientiane, the capital of Laos.

Services to the former have been boosted to 11 flights a week, while Vientiane operations are now daily. The expanded capacity enhances the status of Bangkok as the leading aviation gateway throughout Indochina and the

Also in Asia, THAI has added more flights to its

small balls and dipped into various dishes. Central Thais

prefer fragrant plain rice, usually steamed, and use con-

siderable quantities of vegetables and fish; popular curries

include kaeng khiao wan (green curry) and tom kha kai

(coconut milk curry with chicken or meat and flavored with

Thai-Chinese food is popular in cities like Bangkok,

particularly in the form of numerous stir-fried noodle dishes

that have acquired a strong Thai flavor over years of adaptation. Another specialty of the central region is what is

sometimes called royal cuisine, a more refined version of

certain dishes, influenced by the royal court, that stress

tempering a lavish use of chilies in both soups and curries.

while foreign influences are reflected in dishes like kaeng

matsuman, a mild Indian-style curry; sate, Indonesian-style

skewered meat with a spicy peanut sauce; and dishes redolent with flavors from the Middle East. Fresh seafood

-- fish, prawns, lobsters, crab, clams, squid, scallops, and

mussels - is abundant, thanks to the surrounding waters.

has prompted many outsiders to try their hand at preparing

it in their own kitchens. Responding to this interest, a

number of venues in Thailand now offer expert instruction

in everything from identifying ingredients to creating the

Oriental Hotel in Bangkok, which includes hands-on prep-

One of the best-known is a four-day course offered by the

The enormous international popularity of Thai cuisine

In the south, coconut milk is an important ingredient,

appearance as well as subtle tastes.

dishes for a full meal.

FINE DINING ON THAI AIRWAYS

INTERNATIONAL.

Aside from continually improving its own operations. THAI maintains its competitive edge by forging partnerships with other airlines. The carrier is a founding member of

"Star Alliance," the world's largest strategic airline partnership. Brazilian carrier Varig became the sixth member last October. The Star Alliance partners — THAI, Lufthansa, SAS,

explored part of the country.

Bangkok-Shanghai and Bangkok-Katmandu routes. The

Chinese city is now served by daily flights using MD-11

aircraft, which brings the tally of THAI flights to China to 24

a week. Destinations include Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou

To help boost tourism to Nepal — which is promoting

flights into Katmandu 30 years ago and has

been serving the destination ever since.

The airline now offers more flights be-tween Southeast Asia and Kathmandu

In offering passengers greater conveni-ence, especially during this "Amazing Thailand" period, THAI has not neglected its domestic services. The airline has ad-

ded no fewer than 45 extra weekly flights

to its schedules on key routes within Thailand. To the northern city of Chiang Mai the airline is operating 21 additional ser-

vices weekly from Bangkok, while the

southern island resort of Phuket is served

by 14 more flights. Ten extra services have been added to northeastern destinations,

including Ubon Ratchathani, Khon Kaen

and Udon Thani - opening up the least

1998 as "Visit Nepal Year" - THAI has increased its

Bangkok-Katmandu operations to a daily service using A300-600 aircraft. THAI launched the first scheduled jet

than any other carrier.

United Airlines, Air Canada and Varig — serve more than 600 destinations in 108 countries. Additionally, travelers benefit from shared frequent-flier rewards; they are able to accumulate and redeem mileage points through each of the partner airlines' frequent-flier programs. Other advantages include reciprocal privileges at Star Alliance airport lounges around the world, code-sharing flights on key routes, streamlined reservations, more convenient flight connections and priority baggage transfers.

included in one tour.

#### HEALING THE MIND AND THE BODY

VISITORS TO THAIland can relax in a breezy pavilion at Wat Pho, Bangkok's largest temple, and let an expert apply the skilled, controlled pressures of a traditional Thai massage to ease the aches of intensive

sightseeing. Or enjoy one of the mimerous treatments offered by the Oriental Spa, where they can be wrapped in aromatic herbs for hours or have a special short session designed to relieve jet lag before that important busi-

ness meeting.

Thailand has a long healing tradition. Many of the techniques used today were introduced thousands of years ago from India and China but have been adapted in distinctive Thai ways, while others employ state-of-the-art facilities developed in the West.

Thai-style massage, which combines yoga, reflexology and acupressure, has been a part of the culture for several centuries and is available at a number of spas and health centers throughout the country. A major center in Bangkok is Wat Pho, where some 200 years ago King Rama III ordered all medical knowledge known at the time to be inscribed on stone slabs and displayed in one of the temple's many courtyards. Massage remains a primary component of traditional medicine here, with not only indi-vidual massages by resident masters but also a 10-day course (30 hours m

all) for visitors. Traditional massages, herbal saunas and similar treatments are available in most provincial areas as well. Some of the best-known centers are in Chiang Mai, Rayong, Koh Samui and Phuket. The Tourism Authority of Thailand has a detailed list of venues.

Older spas were often located near mineral springs, but newer ones might be anywhere. Some are part of wellknown hotels and resorts, and others are separate facilities devoted to physical and mental improvement.

One of the first modern spas in Banekok was built by the famous Oriental Hotel, now well into its second century and regularly ranked the best hotel in the world. Located in a building of its own across the Chao Phraya River from the hotel, it blends Asian therapies with European programs and ultramodern equipment to provide some 50 different treatments in restful surroundings. A special feature is Oriental Spa Cuisine, rich in Thai herbs and other seasonings but low in cholesterol, sodium and sugar.

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Chiva Som, overlooking the sea at Hua Hin, is a seven-acre health resort just two hours' drive from Bangkok. It provides a comprehensive selection of therapies, luxury accommodations in Thai-style pavilions and a staff-toguest ratio of almost four to one. Another noted spa outside the capital is at the Banyan Tree in Phuket, where traditional Asian and up-to-the-minute European treatments are offered in a

hish tropical garden setting.

A different form of healing can be discovered through Buddhist meditation. Visitors can learn the fundamentals at a number of temples and meditation centers in Bangkok and elsewhere in the kingdom. The Tourism Authority can provide details of those offering English-language in-

#### More Rewards for Frequent Fliers

THAI FREQUENT-FLIER CARDS ARE WORTH

MORE THAN THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD.

n February 1998, Thai Airways International (THAI) welcomes a new partner airline, British Midland. The European carrier joins South African Airways and Ansett Australia as THAI partners. The Thai carrier's global aviation connections now offer Royal Orchid Plus members unprecedented frequent-flier mileage accumulation, recognition and seamless travel

With these partner airlines -- not to mention THAI's strategic alliances with United Airlines, Lufthansa, SAS,

Air Canada and Varig, comprising a truly global airline alliance — Royal Orchid Plus members are able to accrue and redeem miles on travel to more than 600 destinations on six continents.

Since it was launched in July 1993, Royal Orchid Plus has consistently been a leader among regional frequent-flier programs. Membership. currently growing at an average rate of 2,000 new enrollees a week, has reached close to 800,000, with adherents in 190 countries. 3 What was primarily an Asiabased program has become solidly international.

In an era of increasingly complex global business links and extended leisure time, international travel has become a way of life for many people, and frequent fliers are more sophisticated and discerning in how they evaluate airline loyalty programs. To meet this challenge, Royal Orchid Plus has an ongoing policy of continuously building on established benefits, privileges and recognition to provide members with ever-

In addition to forging partnerships with other leading international airlines, THAI has established close links with a broad range of travel- and service-related businesses. These include hotels and resorts, rental-car companies, telecommunications alliances and credit card companies. These businesses give Royal Orchid Plus members valuable benefits in addition to fine service.

Whether members are looking for the luxury of five-star accommodations in bustling capitals across the globe or the peace and seclusion of a tropical island resort, Royal Orchid Plus partner hotels not only provide the finest hospitality but also reward members with a minimum of 500 miles for each qualifying stay. Avis awards 500 miles for each qualifying rental. Royal Orchid Plus members earn miles with every purchase using a partner credit or charge card, or every phone call using a partner telecom card.

Naturally, accrued mileage can be redeemed for air travel. For example, 15,000 miles entitles members to a round-trip Bangkok-Phuket ticket in economy class, while 50,000 miles is good for a round trip Bangkok-Hong Kong ticket in business class. Miles can also be redeemed for "Experience Awards," such as elephant trekking in northern Thailand or a round of golf in Phuket.

Royal Orchid Plus members are rewarded regardless of the class of service flown. Economy class passenger earn 100 percent of actual miles flown on all THAI flights. The

figure rises to 125 percent in Royal Executive and to 150 percent in Royal First Class. Membership benefits are

not limited to rewards from redeemed mileage, and Royal Orchid Plus helps smooth the travel experience itself. Silver membership, for example, brings the added privileges of priority baggage handling and an extra 10 kilograms (22 lbs.) of baggage allowance, as well as priority waitlisting on fully booked THAI flights. Gold membership, reserved for the airline's most frequent fliers, offers personalized luggage tags, one complimentary upgrade certificate, a private

"hotline" telephone number, priority boarding regardless of class flown and 20 kilograms of extra baggage (or one additional piece of luggage in some countries).

Complementing the rewards of membership is a commitment to efficient service. Royal Orchid Plus has introduced service enhancements for members to redeem their miles faster and with ever greater convenience. A new bers to check the status of their account and keep abreast of promotions that allow them to double or even triple their mileage earnings simply by picking up the telephone.

To provide members with instant award ticketing on THAI at no charge, Royal Orchid Plus has 14 on-line locations worldwide. These offer the unparalleled advantage of getting an award ticket immediately after obtaining a confirmed reservation on THAL Members simply pick up their ticket from any of the on-line locations and board their chosen flight. Those who redeem an award ticket on an alliance or partner airline need wait only three working days after obtaining a confirmed reservation.

Royal Orchid Plus awards can be used by members and their immediate family, as well as by friends or business associates, when members redeem mileage-saving Two Ticket Awards on THAL

Triathlon competitions, too, have arrived in Thailand. The first was run in Pattaya in 1982, but in recent years top professionals have been attracted to the Laguna Phuket Triathlon, where the event consists of a 1,800-meter (1,969-yard) swim in the sea followed by a 53-kilometer (33-mile) bicycle race through the nearby hills and a final marathon run. As a climax to the Amazing Thailand Year 1998, Thailand will host the 13th Asian Games,

petitions in 35 sports. Visiting businesspeople find that many hotels have fully equipped fitness centers, swimming pools, tennis courts and other health facilities. In addition, there is usually a convenient park where they can join

a two-week series of com-

the locals in jogging, aerobic workouts or tai chi exercises.

In addition to sports, Thailand has an extraordinary entertainment scene. Bangkok after dark offers amusements ranging from iazz clubs and restaurants of all kinds to quiet bars and enormous discos flashing with high-tech lights.

For younger visitors, at least a dozen amusement parks are easily accessible from the capital. Among them are Dream World which has a huge water flume and a Dinotopia with moving dinosaur replicas; Siam Park, an enormous, varied water park; and Sa-fari World, which boasts Asia's largest open-air zoo as well as a whale-and-dolphin show.



world, perhaps the best-known traditional Thai sport is muav Thai, or Thai-style boxing. It originated five centuries ago in the Ayutthaya era, during which several rulers were famous for their skill at this graceful yet lethal art of self-defense. In those days, no gloves were used, both hands and feet being bound with cloth that occasionally contained bits of ground glass for added effect. Gradually, as foreign influences increased, ground glass

tain restrictions, and gloves were introduced. But this sport is still not for the faint of heart. In a Thai-style bout, any

part of the body except the

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head can be used as an offensive weapon and any part, including the head, is a fair target. The foot is the most effective of all, usually swung in a wide arc at lightning speed, and the whole performance has a grace that belies its risks.

An added touch of the unfamiliar for foreign spectators is a Thai-style orchestra of pipe, drums and cymbals, which keeps pace with the action and builds to peaks of frenzy at exciting moments. Knockouts are more common in Thai-style boxing than in Western bouts, and when they come it is usually the result of a well-aimed kick.

Two other martial arts traditional to Thailand are krabi-krabong, a match in which one contestant is armed with a long sword

and the other with a quarterstaff, and ordinary sword fighting, which may involve either one or two swords held by each combatant. Both are often seen during festivals or at special

shows for tourists. As popular with young Thai men as baseball is in the United States is an impromptu takraw match, which can be seen at parks, construction sites, village temples or even on the street. The point is to keep a woven rattan ball aloft as long as possible, using any part of the body except the hands and entailing spectacular displays of gymKite-flying, too, is an old diversion in Thailand, not as an individual activity mainly for children but as a serious sport that pits enor-mous "male" kites flown by teams of men against smaller, more agile "fe-male" ones. This aerial battle of the sexes is especially popular during the late-afternoon breezes of

the hot season. The visitor in search of Western sports will find plenty in Thailand. In the past 15 years, numerous golf courses have appeared all over the country, some of them created by world-famous designers. Today, Bangkok, seaside resorts

and provincial capitals all have welcoming greens.

At seaside destinations like Pattaya, Phuket and Koh Samui, the full range of water-oriented sports is available. Sailing has been popular since the early 1950s, when His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadei took part in races in the Gulf of Thailand. Deep-sea fishing competitions are often held in the Andaman Sea, off the coasts of Phuket and Krabi, while countless coral reefs offer memorable diving experiences. Other activities at many beach resorts include water-skiing, surfing and parasailing.

Every province has a

A more recent activity is sea-canoeing. Adventurous travelers explore the wonders of mysterious caverns and lagoons in the magical world of Phangnga Bay, where hundreds of limestone outcrops rise sheer from the sea.

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been held annually on the

Nan River in Phichit

Province for over 85 years.

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By Thomas Crampton

in Bangkot as sungdom. The los BANGKOK - Thailand kicked off the great fire sale of Asia's economic crisis over the weekend, putting hundreds of repossessed cars, including 30 Mercedes-Benzes, 20 Volvos and a handful of BMWs, up for public auc-

Thais turned up by the thousands Samrday for an introduction to Westem-style auctions and to watch a parade of middle-class aspirations go and hammer in makeshift shelters in dusty of middle-class aspirations go under the

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Thailand, the country that set off the contagion of falling currencies across Asia, is farthest along in the IMF-sanctioned restructuring process. Similar sales are expected to take place in South Korea and Indonesia, both of which have signed on for IMF programs.

Cars are one of the more visible legacies of Thailand's boom years, when easy credit put the country among the world's top 10 markets for Daimler-Benz AG's Mercedes-Benz division and made it the second-largest market for pickup trucks after the United States. More than 500 cars were lined up to be auctioned Saturday, and authorities said more than 20,000 would be sold by

Organizers declared the first day of auctions a success as buyers snapped up cars on impulse and pushed prices higher than expected.

We did not come today to intending to buy," said J. Anyarat, 21, a recent graduate of the Rangsit University business school. "My father just made a bid on the car, and we won.

Ms. Anyarat's father bought her a 1996 Toyota Corolla for 400,000 baht (\$9,100). They were unable to do a test drive, and nobody in her family had inquired about the benchmark price for a used Corolla, but Ms. Anyarat said she was happy, because a new one would



Potential bidders inspecting a repossessed Mercedes Benz as Thailand sold off assets from finance firms that the government forced to close. Below, an auctioneer accepts a bid from a purchaser at one of the auctions.

have cost more than 500,000 baht.

The sale provided more than just a chance to buy vehicles and soak up the carnival-like atmosphere. For many Thais, it was their first chance to see a Western-style auction up close.

"This is the first time we have grand auctions of this sort in Thailand," said Montri Chenvidyakarn, a top official of the government's Financial Sector Restructuring Authority.

Normally, That people prefer to conduct business in a quiet manner, buying things on the basis of personal

That manner of conducting business. which can lead to corruption as deals are made behind closed doors and without informing shareholders, has been highlighted as a leading cause of the region's current economic crisis. The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have roundly criticized the region's banks for making loans based on close personal relations instead of sound financial criteria.

"Since it is not a normal way of doing business in Thailand, we have imitated U.S.-style auctions," Mr. Montri said. Auctions are the best way to let the market determine price in the most transparent manner.

Assets from the shuttered finance companies with a book value of 860 billion baht will be sold in auctions by the end of this year, Mr. Montri said. The assets include works of art, office furniture and equipment, shares, real estate and loan portfolios.



Authorities expect auction prices to be as much as 68 percent below book value, particularly in Thailand's overbuilt property sector.

A direct beneficiary from the auction boom is Thepthai Sila, managing director of Union Auction Co.

'Since this crisis began in July, we have seen our used-car auction business grow faster than over the three previous years," Mr. Thepthai said.

"In the past, Thai people did not like used cars, but with the fall of the baht increasing the cost of newly imported cars, used-car prices have held steady

despite the increased number of cars being auctioned." Mr. Thepthai estimated that his company conducted 90 percent of Thailand's used-car auctions and said he soon planned to expand to Indonesia and Malaysia in preparation for auctions expected there.

"In Indonesia they are going to go through the same process as us, but they do not have experience with auctions." Mr. Thepthai said.

"I am looking for partners now to set up a joint venture so that we can bring our know-how and show them the way

bureaucrats are unaccustomed to being

portrayed around the world as economic

mounting criticism, the governing Lib-

eral Democratic Party on Friday an-

nounced new measures to spur its own

economy and to extend \$2 billion in new

loans to Indonesia and other hard-hit

But in doing so, it gave its critics ammunition. The measures included

none of the steps that Mr. Clinton and

his aides had called for - tax cuts to

encourage Japanese consumers to buy

more and a tough and detailed plan to

close failing banks and restore confi-

into the banking system, which is buried under at least \$600 billion of what the

Japanese delicately call "problem" loans. But U.S. Treasury Secretary

Robert Rubin told his Japanese coun-

terpart Saturday that simply pumping

cash into dying banks without system-atically reforming the system would

To drive home the point, some of the

former U.S. regulators who shut banks

throughout Texas and California during

the U.S. savings-and-loan crisis of the

1980s have visited Tokyo in recent

months, in case anyone wanted their

only prolong the problems.

Japan has promised to pump money

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In a half-hearted effort to defuse the

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#### Seoul Hits a Roadblock

Dispute With Tire Firms Could Halt Car Output

By Don Kirk International Herald Tribune

SEOUL - Hyundai Motor Co., South Korea's largest vehicle maker, suspended production over the weekend of all its models except a newly introduced minicar while awaiting tires from manufacturers, company sources said Sunday, in an impasse that threatens to halt all motor-vehicle production in the country.

A spokesman confirmed that three

maior tiremakers - Kumho Tire Co., Hankook Tire Co. and Woosung Tire Co.—had refused to deliver the tires. The tiremakers, hit hard in the country's economic crisis, are demanding to be paid 15 percent to 80 percent more for their products.

The country's second-ranking auto-maker, Daewoo Motor Co., said it would have to suspend production Monday if talks with the tire suppliers failed, and the third-largest manufacturer, Kia Motors Corp., said it might have to suspend its assembly lines by the end of the week.

Compounding the uncertainty, workers at Mando Machinery, the country's largest maker of automotive components and a unit of the Halla Group, said they would go on strike Monday if the company failed to provide a "special

agreement ' providing job security.

Mando, which is on the brink of bankruptcy after failing to pay off debts due in December, makes components such as transmission gears, brakes, alternators and generators for all three vehicle manufacturers.

A Kia spokesman said he expected the motor-vehicle companies to come to terms with the tiremakers but added, "It's inevitable we will stop production on Friday if Mando goes on strike."

The difficulties confronting the South Korean vehicle industry illustrate the weakness of the entire economy as banks and companies struggle to meet debt payments.

Hyundai, Daewoo and Kia employ about 100,000 workers; several times that many are on the payrolls of hundreds of other companies of various sizes that supply materials and parts and Kia.

needed for the automakers' products.

While negotiating with suppliers, all three major vehicle manufacturers have also suffered from sharply declining domestic sales. Daewoo, with a debt-equity ratio of at least 5-to-1, is negotiating to sell as much as 50 percent of its equity to General Motors Corp., Kia has said it hopes that Ford Motor Co., which has a 9 percent stake in the company, will sub-

stantially increase its investment. The problems of the tire manufacturers as well as of Mando dramatize the way in which the economic crisis can bring an industry to its knees.

The tire companies and Mando are all units of chaebol, or conglomerates, that are suffering from rapidly mounting debts. They have all cited increases in the price of oil as the reason they have to

charge more just to stay in business. Managers at Mando, which employs about 8,000 workers, said they hoped to maintain 70 percent of production by putting white-collar workers on assembly lines.

The move threatened a standoff between management and labor that could set a precedent for other industries. More than half of Mando's employees belong to a company union that is af-filiated with the Korea Confederation of Trade Unions.

That group canceled plans Feb. 12 for a nationwide general strike to protest a new law authorizing layoffs but has warned it will renew calls for strikes if companies "abuse" their new right.

While suspending its other lines, Hyundai plans to keep producing the tiny ATOZ, which has emerged as the country's biggest-selling car in a time of economic duress. The name is actually "A to Z'' in capital letters, a spokesman said, which is intended to signify that the car "can do anything."

Hyundai, which accounts for about half of all sales of South Korean-made cars, trucks and buses, last year sold 1.25 million vehicles, about 52 percent of them in South Korea. Hyundai's domestic sales plunged from 38,186 units in December to 17,677 in January but were still well ahead of those of Daewoo

#### **Currency-Board Decision** Still Hangs Over Jakarta

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches

JAKARTA - Indonesia has yet to decide whether to implement a fixedexchange rate for the rupiah under a currency board system, banking sources said Sunday, despite reports that it had abandoned plans to set up a board.

"We have no knowledge yet of any decision on this subject," a senior banking official said.

The official was responding to re-marks by Robert Rubin, the U.S. Treasury secretary, that he had seen published reports that Indonesia had either dropped or deferred the controversial

plan to adopt a currency board. We think that 's a constructive step and baving done that, we think the other constructive step is a sustained adher-ence to the IMF program," Mr. Rubin said, referring to the International Mon-

etary Fund Speaking in London at the end of a conference of finance officials of the Group of Seven leading industrialized nations, Mr. Rubin also said President Bill Clinton's administration would send a special envoy to Indonesia in the next few days to meet with President

Suharto. Since several conflicting reports about Mr. Suharto's intentions have appeared in recent days, he said, the administration

was seeking personal confirmation.
"The IMF, as you know, has people over there on a regular basis, and we'll be sending an envoy, so I'm sure this will be clarified," he said. "But the published report is, they have discontinued the effort, and the IMF's commented on that, so they seem to have accepted the fact that this has been done.

Mr. Rubin would not provide details of the mission. A White House spokesman confirmed that an envoy would be

sent, although he did not say who would

represent the administration. The decision to send a personal representative was made during a phone call Friday night between President Bill Clinton and Mr. Suharto. The two discussed how the United States and other countries could help Jakarta stabilize the rupiah, which has lost 70 percent of its value over the past six months.

While Mr. Suharto did not formally notify Mr. Clinton that he had abandoned the currency-board idea, he apparently left that impression during the call, the third in a series of discussions the two presidents have had in recent weeks

The IMF threatened this month that it would cut off the \$43 billion it has offered Indonesia in bailout funds over plans by Jakarta to establish such a currency board, which would rigidly maintain a fixed value for the rupiah.

An IMF team is due in Jakarta this week to review progress on economic reforms before the Fund approves providing more of the funds, banking sources said Sunday.

"Some variables will have to be looked at" by the team, one source said, which will report back to the IMF board in Washington.

The board must approve the next funds allocation next month. The IMF has so far disbursed about \$3 billion from a bailout package of \$23 billion it put together along with the World Bank and the Asian Development

Bank. Commitments from other nations to a second line of defense increased the overall package to \$43 billion. The source said that figures on inflation, economic growth and monetary

expansion were all "expected to be different from the earlier estimates."

(Reuters, Bloomberg, WP)

#### Criticism of Japan's 'Virtual' Policy Grows Louder In Japan, the criticisms sting; after years at the fiscal pinnacle, Tokyo's

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

LONDON - As finance officials from the world's leading industrialized countries gathered in London over the weekend, the United States and its European allies identified a new villain in the Asian financial crisis: not currency market speculators, not the crony capitalists of Indonesia and South Korea, but the paralyzed Japanese government.

With language not seen since the trade battles that marked the early years of President Bill Clinton's administration, his top economic advisers have stopped just short of accusing Japan of gross economic negligence. By failing to stimulate its own economy and by its reluctance to help straighten up its reeling banking system, these advisers say. Japan, with the world's second-biggest economy, is undermining the international effort to restore stability to the rest of Asia.

Lawrence Summers, the deputy U.S. Treasury secretary, has told Congress that Japan is engaging in "virtual policy"? - a derisive reference to its repeated promises to take strong measures to spur its economy followed, most recently just last week, by failure to take adequate action. Charlene Barshefsky, the U.S. trade representative, declared recently that Japan's efforts to end the Asian crisis

District of the conference of woefully inadequate. Mr. Clinton has repeated the message several times in letters and phone calls Water park miles to Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto

of Japan, who, in the words of one senior U.S. official, "agrees wholeheartedly and then sits on his hands.

There is nothing new in Japan and the United States meddling in the inner workings of each other's economic decision-making.

A decade ago, Japan insisted that the U.S. Congress eliminate the federal budget deficit and even had a vague commitment written into an agreement between the countries, with little ex-

pectation it would actually happen. But the increasingly public nature of the attacks on Japan's economic management, as opposed to its trade policy, has stunned the Japanese. Some officials say Japan is unfairly being turned into a scapegoat for a regional crisis that it did

not start and is in no condition to end. The members of the Group of Seven industrialized countries that are pressuring Japan to stimulate its economy further "don't fully understand Japan's efforts" to revive its economy, the Jap-Finance Minister said,

Bloomberg reported. ["I think the economic measures we have taken so far deserve closer appraisal," Hikaru Matsunaga said at a press conference after a meeting of the Gnations. "There won't be criticism that Japan's economic stimulus is too little, if our measures are evaluated properly."]

Japanese officials have distributed charts and graphs showing that they have \$19 billion in emergency loans outstanding to South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand, the most hard-hit coun-

pared with Washington's \$8 billion.

Several days ago, the Japanese government began taking out English-language newspaper advertisements proclaiming that its economy would bounce back from its seven-year decline 'as surely as day follows night."

But in private, even senior Japanese officials concede that the basic charge leveled by the United States — that

Some say Tokyo is being turned into a scapegoat for a regional crisis that it did not start and is in

political paralysis and indecision have prolonged Japan's troubles and thus

no condition to end.

- carries seeds of truth. mistakes, and now it is politically dif-

ficult to reverse them," one adviser to Mr. Hashimoto said recently, referring to Japan's decision last April to go ahead with a large sales-tax increase that stalled the economy's recovery. Now the strategy is to muddle along and hope that a giant collapse isn't in the offing that would wipe out everyone." Such a collapse is exactly the fear of the finance officials who met in London over the weekend to try to devise a

strategy to contain Asia's troubles.

"We made a series of bad economic

advice. They were given a polite re-See G7, Page 13

#### **CURRENCY RATES**

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#### CYBERSCAPE

#### Companies Find the Net Helps Trap Surprising Sources of Revenue fashion and automobile industries to jump to \$220 billion by 2001 and revamped site, prospective buyers - was still dwarfed by the \$42

By Richard Covington International Herald Tribune

ANNES - New Line Cinema Corp. was ready to retire its talking promotional cutout figures for "Austin Powers: Man of Mystery" when someone in the on-line department had the inspiration to try to sell the characters on the company's

The \$40 figures flew out of the cyberstore, as have hundreds of posters, clothing, videos and other film spin-offs. "We've sold tons of promotional

material we never dreamed of selling," said James Rosenthal, the film company's executive vice president for business development. Talking cutouts are hardly the stuff of money-spinning dreams for

are discovering new revenue to \$426 billion in 2002. sources on the World Wide Web. "Despite Internet sale

a U.S.-based market-research concern, financial-services companies now manage global assets valued at \$111 billion on-line, and the figure is projected to leap to \$474 billion by 2000. Banks such as Banco Santander

SA of Spain are providing clients free connections to on-line sites to reduce costs. Gordon Simpson, European director of Softbank Interactive Marketing Ltd., an on-line advertising agency in London that created the Spanish bank's site, said tieth as much to establish as walk-in retail-banking services.

Actual purchases over the Inter-New Line's parent company, Time wide in 1997, according to IDC. Warner Inc., but a growing number another American concern tracking of companies in the banking, travel, Internet spending, and are forecast

"Despite Internet sales doubling

According to Forrester Research, each year," said Ronald Whittier, senior vice president of Intel Corp., "consumers and businesses are still concerned about the security problems involved in transferring large amounts of electronic money and sensitive corporate information over the Web.

Mr. Whittier was speaking at Milia, the annual multimedia market here that gathered some 7,000 computer-industry executives and developers of new media. Working under the principle that

what's good for Internet commerce on-line banking cost only one-twen- is even better for sales of ever-faster chips, Intel is aggressively developing Web outlets for New Line, the Italian designer Nicola Trussardi net accounted for \$10 billion world- and Ticketmaster Group Inc., a ticket vendor, among a host of other companies.

cert halls and sports arenas and try mercials and the \$38 billion spent on out possible seats. Another mouse print campaigns. Jupiter predicts click turns up exterior views of that global Internet advertising will strects surrounding the venues, degenerate \$5 billion by 2000. tailed maps and directions.

In the last quarter of 1997, Ticketmaster sold \$16.7 million of tickets on-line out of total sales of \$2.3 billion, according to Fred Rosen, Ticketmaster's chief executive officer. From less than 3 percent of overall revenue last year, Mr. Rosen predicted that in-line sales would reach 10 percent within three years.

"More significant than revenues is the fact that 22 percent of those on-line sales were new customers," Mr. Rosen said.

Internet commerce is also draw-

ing advertisers, even though last Abrahamson said. year's \$940 million in on-line ad spending - estimated by Jupiter creating content for their own Web Communications LLC, a New In a preview of Ticketmaster's York-based Web-tracking specialist

move around a virtual movie of con-billion generated by television com-

Despite a trickle of spending from Ford Motor Co., Procter & Gamble Co. and a dozen other nontechnology companies, consumer-brand marketers have shied away from online advertising, according to Kurt Abrahamson, Jupiter's president and chief operating officer.

Apart from banner ads, an increasing number of sites are relying on sponsor underwriting, directmarketing sales and revenue-sharing arrangements with host sites such as America Online Inc. and Yahoo Inc. to generate income, Mr.

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"Instead of spending so much on

# Amid Flood of New Issues, Market May Have Reached Its Saturation Point

By Carl Gewirtz International Herold Tribuna

PARIS - With no sign of letup in the record pace of new issues flooding into the international capital market, syndicate managers are quietly questioning how much more can be absorbed with-

out visible strain on prices. What troubles these insiders is the ever-larger share of new issues being taken on the books of underwriters, raising questions about how large an inventory banks are willing to run just to keep their standing in the rankings of the

most active arrangers.

Holding paper in inventory has been a profitable exercise so far this year, with benchmark interest rates declining in major markets while the spreads at which less-than-prime names trade over benchmark yields have been narrowing. Although there has not yet been a major

new-issue flop, managers report that the tendency of spreads in the secondary market to widen rather than tighten is a sign of underwriters reaching their limits on how much paper they are willing to hold on their books.

There are essentially two problems to expanding inventory. For one, the cost of financing in the dollar market, as usual the most active center, is high, as the yield curve is so flat that there is barely a difference between the cost of overnight money and the yield on prime

10-year paper. Second, the uncertainty plaguing investors about whether interest rates already at record lows in continental Europe and nearly so in the United States - are likely to head lower or are already at bottom makes underwriters

less willing to add inventory. A potentially market-straining exercise could be in the making if the World

The World Bank is the largest issuer in the international market and traditionally the trend-setter. Of late, however, the bank has shunned the global public market in favor of discreet issues in more exotic currencies, where it can easily achieve a funding cost of at least 20 basis points below the six-

month interbank rate. Having been\_eclipsed in the global market by the Federal National Mortgage Association, or Fannie Mae, which has issued \$4 billion first in five-year notes and then in 10-year paper, and then outdistanced in the Eurobond market by Italy's equivalent of \$4.3 billion in European Currency Units, the World Bank is reported to be considering a record jumbo dollar global bond.

As a frequent borrower, the bank exercises considerable clout in the mar-

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Bank proceeds with plans to launch a ket. But underwriters warn that in current market conditions, the World Bank rent market conditions, the World Bank cannot at the same time issue a record jumbo bond and reach its usual aggressive target on cost of funds.

Meanwhile, Fannie Mae is planning another new issue, a \$4 billion bench-

> mark of seven-year notes. In the corporate market, Sony Corp., a rare name in the market, is expected to issue five-year bonds for an estimated \$1.5 billiou.

In the Ecu market, Spain last week extended the mannity horizon with an issue of 31-year bonds that will fuse with an existing domestic peseta issue when the euro becomes the common European currency as scheduled next year. The total ourstanding issue will then amount to 2.8 billion euros (\$3.04 billion).

Bankers said the paper appealed to local and foreign investors who bought Spanish government bonds. The Ecu/ euro paper provides foreign-exchange protection in the unlikely event Spain 3 does not join the common European currency at its outset. Were that to happen, bankers said, the peseta could take a beating, but the exchange value of the euro would be unharmed. In addition, the short-term cost of borrowing Ecus to 1 subscribe to the issue is only 4.375 percent, compared with 5.125 percent a needed to borrow pesetas. As the issues will fuse, the terms are identical with a coupon of 6 percent.

#### A Bonanza Week for Greenspan-Watchers

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher

NEW YORK - The Treasury market, which often hangs on every word that comes out of Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan's mouth, will have a lot of words to absorb this week.

Mr. Greenspan's four appearances, including his testimony in Congress on Tuesday and Wednesday, may test the market's mettle as it copes with a flood of new supply, including two Treasury-note auctions and heavy corporate issuance.

"The chairman is always balanced in his presentation, pointing to ele-ments that could fuel growth and to elements that could slow it," said Michael Moran, chief economist at Daiwa Securities America.

This time, Mr. Moran said, the Fed ducer prices. But when the market ran doesn't know exactly what will happen this year" in terms of Asia's impact on the U.S. economy.

"He'll indicate," Mr. Moran said, that monetary policy will be held

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steady this year until the Fed has a clearer picture.

The market could prove more responsive to comments about slower economic growth than to assessments of inflation risks. Mr. Moran said.

Treasury prices gave up a little ground last week even though the market got some good news, notably the Atlanta
0.7 percent decline in January proFriday.

chairman will "try to convey that he into resistance after that report, participants decided to take profits on the securities from the previous Treasury

refunding, and prices headed lower.
The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond yield ended at 5.86 percent Friday, compared with 5.84 percent a week earlier. Data due this week also may hold good news for bonds. The consensus calls for a flat reading on January consumer prices, a 0.1 percent rise in the core rate of the consumer price index and a 1.0 percent increase in January durable-goods orders.

In addition to his testimony, Mr. Greenspan is to speak at a New York Fed conference Thursday and at an Atlanta Fed conference in Miami on (Bridge News, Reuters)

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The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, Feb. 23-27

Monday

Friday Feb. 27

Expected Sydney: Australian Financial Mar-This Week kets Association's conference on operations management. Monday and Singapore: Asian Aerospace '98 show. Through Sunday.

Hong Kong: Consumer price data

Tokyo: Diffusion index for Decem-

Earnings expected: Woolworths.

Tokyo: Crude-oil import data for January; Automobile Manufacturers As-

exchange reserves data for Jan-

Wellington: Reserve Bank to issue

quarterly business survey on infla-

Earnings expected: Newcrest.

first 10 days of February.

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for January.

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Hong Kong: Retail sales data for

Wellington: Overseas trade data

Tokyo: Unemployment, housing

starts and industrial production for

January, wholesale price index for

Wellington: Producer-price data for

Hong Kong: Trade data for January.

Bucharest: State Ownership Fund to sell minority shares in five companies on the Rasdaq market. Kiev: Prime Minister Guntars Krasts of Latvia to discuss possible trade agreement with Ukraine during visit. Tuesday through Thursday.

Atlanta: Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association conference. Through Wednesday. Chicago: Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society conference and exhibition. Through

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Rome: Major-company employment for fourth quarter. Tallinn, Estonia: Industrial output . Earnings expected: HSBC.

Bratislava, Slovakia: Trade data

Ottawa: Federal budget for fiscal 1999; leading index for January. Washington: Treasury Department to issue budget statement for Jan-Earnings expected: Bank of Nova

Scotia; Bank of Montreal, Nordstrom. Mexico City: Inflation data for first half of February.

Washington: Consumer price index

for January: Alan Greenspan, chair-

testify before Banking Committee of

man of Federal Reserve Board, to

sociation to issue data on vehicle Copenhagen: Consumer price inproduction for January. dex for January, Wellington: Hourly and weekly Paris: Trade balance for December. wages data for September-Novem housing starts for January and ber quarter. home sales for fourth quarter. Wednesday Taipei: Money supply and foreign-

for January.

House of Representatives. Madrid: Budget deficit and gross Mexico City: Export-assembly industry output data for December. Washington: Alan Greenspan to domestic product for fourth quarter. Paris: Consumer price Index for testify before Senate Banking Com-Stockholm: Trade balance for Janmittee; home resales data for Jan-

Paris: Business confidence survey for February; consumer spending

Earnings expected: Abbey National, ABN-AMRO Holdling, ABB Asea Brown Boveri, Rio Tinto, Royal Van

Paris: Unemployment data for Jan-

Rome: Gross domestic product for

Tallinn: Gross domestic product for

fourth guarter.

**Buenos Aires:** Construction data for January Mexico City: Mining output data for December. Washington: Durable-goods orders Earnings expected: J.C. Penney.

Mexico City: Manufacturing output for December. Ottawa: Consumer price index for January, average weekly wages for

Washington: Preliminary estimate of economic growth for fourth quarter.

**New International Bond Issues** 

Compiled by Laurence Desvilettes

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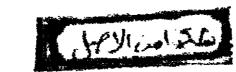
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Bridge News Room

A. I think they be wrong. It a way to push contrary. The 35-hour week is a way to push unions and business to discuss together. That's the way to open negotiations. There will be other elements with the 35-hour week,

#### **Q&A: Dominique Strauss-Kahn**

Who should speak for the euro zone?

A. Probably the best solution would be to have the same countries attending the G-7, plus the president of the European Central Bank. My advice would be not to change too much.

Q. Do you think the euro zone will be a wide or narrow one?

A. I think it's obvious it will be a wide club. To be frank, the only question on the table, and it was put there not by France but by the Dutch, is the Italian case. Nobody thinks we'll be less than 10. In my opinion, we'll be 11. With the latest figures, I know the Italians are in line with the requirements.

Q. Helmut Kohl was reported last week to support Wim Duisenberg to be head of the European Central Bank for a full eight-year term. What's your reaction?

A. I don't comment on that. Q. Would you like to split the term between Mr. Duisenberg and Jean-Claude Trichet, the governor of the Bank of France?

A. That's not our first idea. We have to choose a president, and there's no reason why France cannot have a candidate. If it's possible to have a consensus before May, that

would be preferable. Q. What do you say to critics who think that splitting the term would introduce political



Mr. Strauss-Kahn at the G-7 meeting.

A. The bank has to be independent, there's no question about it. But the choice of the central bank president is a political one to be decided by heads of state and government. I have no doubt that once they are chosen, the such as wage moderation and the modulation influence into the central bank from day one? central bank governors will act independently.

# **Asian Jobless** Doubling in '97

LONDON - Unemployment in Indonesia, Thailand and Korea will probably double by the end of the year, the International Labor Organization has said.

Joblessness is likely to be aggravated as thousands of migrant workers lose their jobs in other Asian countries and return to their homelands, said Eddy Lee, director of analysis and reports at the organization.

The problem in Thailand and Indonesia is severe," he added.

Unemployment in the region has soared since the Thai currency, the baht, which until last year was pegged to a basket of currencies dominated by the U.S. dollar, came under attack amid an overvalued stock market and high corporate debts. The collapse of the baht precipitated a similar reaction in most countries in the region, including Indonesia and South Korea.

Since the crisis began, 1 million to 3 million Indonesians have lost their jobs, an estimated 700,000 Thais are unemployed and 200,000 South Koreans are out of work, Mr. Lee said.

If growth remains static this year, as predicted by the International Monetary Fund, then 1.8 million Thais and 400,000 South Koreans will have lost their jobs by the end of the year, he said.

"If there is zero growth in Indonesia, at least 3 million people will be unemployed," by year's end, he said.

lf, as Mr. Lee suspects, the Indonesian and Thai economies contract this year, then job losses will probably be far great-

#### **SHORT COVER**

#### VW Plans North American Plant

WOLFSBURG, Germany (AP) - Volkswagen AG plans to build a plant in North America to help meet the expected high demand for its new version of the Beetle, the company

Klaus Kocks, a member of VW's board, said the plant would be built either in the United States, Canada or Mexico but declined to say how much the carmaker would invest. Since its debut as a "concept car" in 1994, there has been

keen interest in the United States in the '90s version of the Beetle. The old Beetle was last sold in the United States in

VW is building 50,000 of the new cars this year in Puebla, Mexico, and hopes to build 100,000 next year. The new Beetle is larger than the old model and will cost \$15,200.

#### Taiwan and EU to Hold WTO Talks

TAIPEI (Reuters) - Taiwan will hold a fresh round of talks with the European Union here from Tuesday to Thursday on the terms for the island-state's entry into the World Trade

Organization, local newspapers reported Sunday.

The China Times quoted Economics Ministry officials as saying the talks would focus on issues related to Taiwan's tariff-reduction plan for compact-car imports and the reform of its decades-old wine and tobacco monopoly system.

The Economic Daily News quoted Economics Minister.

Wang Chih-kang as saying Taiwan planned to complete all

WTO-related talks by the end of March.

The newspaper said Taipei expected to enter the WTO in

May. Government officials were not immediately available

On Friday, Taiwan and the United States signed an agreement that would open Taiwan's markets to U.S. agricultural products, services and industrial goods.

#### U.S. Airline Prepares for Shutdown

FRESNO, California (AP) - WestAir Airlines has told its 1,100 employees that they will lose their jobs by mid-June, after the company ends United Express flights from the San Joaquin Valley to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The airline, a unit of Mesa Air Group, lost a vital contract with United Airlines Inc. to ferry passengers from smaller airports on the West Coast to United flights in the two coastal cities.

#### Ford Plant Stalled in Philippines

MANILA (AFP) — Ford Motor Co.'s request for incentives to build a 6.18 billion peso (\$154.5 million) integrated facility in the country has been stalled by opposition from rival carmakers, industry sources said Sunday.

The trade department's Philippine Economic Zone Authority was forced to defer approval of Ford's application for incentives such as tax breaks and duty-free importation of capital equipment, said the sources, who asked not to be named.

Vince Socco, senior vice president of Toyota Motors Phil-

ippines Corp., said the granting of perks to Ford would give the giant U.S. automaker an "advantage" over existing players who are not getting such incentives.

#### **Barclays in Talks With Standard**

LONDON (Renters) - Barclays PLC's chief executive, Martin Taylor, has approached Standard Chartered PLC with the offer of a merger, the Sunday Telegraph newspaper -

It said Mr. Taylor met his counterpart at Standard Chartered, Malcolm Williamson, in London earlier this month to broach the subject.

But it said the offer may be rebuffed because Standard Chartered was determined to preserve its independence. Mr. Taylor has been frustrated in his ambition to achieve a merger with National Westminster Bank PLC because of

NatWest's board's refusal to talk, the newspaper noted.

# Brokers' Discounts: No Longer Enough?

#### Many Price-Cutting Firms Add Reports and Research to Their Offerings

By Walter Hamilton Los Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES - When Charles Schwab Corp. had to back down a few weeks ago from its widely promoted The Paris of the P plan to provide high-level stock research to customers, individual investors may have just laughed it off as an amusing years cutting commission prices. Until corporate faux pas.

Days after saying it would make available reports written by Wall Street analysts, the largest U.S. discount broker nixed the idea when the firms that write the reports — and compete with Schwab - balked at Schwab giving away their work. But in truth, the episode was significant for individual investors, regardless of what brokerage firms they use.

For years, small investors have faced discounters with lower prices but minimal research.

creasingly can bypass full-service firms and get analysts' reports from discoun-Three well-known discounters — DLIdirect Inc. Olde and Fidelity already offer some analyst reports. A fourth — E\*Trade Group — will do so soon. Others are likely to follow suit.

In many cases, the reports are prepared by full-service firms and are re-leased to discount customers on a delayed basis. The research comes to investors with various strings attached but still costs a small fraction of what for research or by luring customers into counts valued at \$100,000 or more. But at full-service brokers charge.

"It's not rocket science to realize your

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creating content for their own Web

sites," he said, "corporations would

peppered ads in a wide variety of stra-

Although European advertisers still

trail their U.S. counterparts in Internet

spending, growth in Germany, France, Britain and the Netherlands is expected

to reach \$1.2 billion by 2002, according

ternet Advertising Bureau is expanding into Europe and Japan, where Web sales are projected to reach \$40 million

this year, according to Katherine Ran-

The international group is currently

concentrating on developing common

standards and definitions for the

fledgling on-line ad industry.

There is still confusion over what's

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draw more customer attention if they said.

clients want research," said Michael Ga- count customers. zala, senior analyst at consulting firm Forrester Research. Discounters are "gothey try to do it is by cheaper prices."

The emphasis on research represents a shift for discounters, who have spent now, the most recent industry develdeep discounters, whose prices undercut those of established discount firms. Even traditional discounters still duke

it out over prices. But among the better-known discounters, rates now go as low as \$7.95 per

#### INVESTING

a basic trade-off in choosing brokerages. trade, and some firms say low prices are delity and E\*Trade have contracted with They could go to full-service firms such no longer a guaranteed way to draw full-service firms — Salomon Smith as Merrill Lynch & Co., whose extensive customers. In fact, a new report from the Barney and BankAmerica Robertson analysis helped with stock-picking but consulting from Jupiter Communications Stephens, respectively — for permission whose fees were hefty, or they could use predicts that some firms eventually will to provide their research. execute a portion of their trades for free

Today, however, small investors in- on their World Wide Web sites. \$20, people are going to say, 'Gee, I'm funds and pension funds. E\*Trade says investing \$10,000 in the market, and the difference between \$10 and \$20 is not shortly after institutions. Olde, which that significant,' "said Blake Darcy, caters only to small investors, releases

chief executive of DLJdirect. There are other reasons behind the

greater availability of research. The acceptance of the Internet has rities Corp., a major Wall Street invest-given brokers an easy way to distribute ment bank, and features research from the material. Discounters can offset DLJ stock analysts. To have access to the lower trading commissions by charging research, DLJ customers must have ac-

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The Associated Press reported from

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have to provide a credit card number.

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Travelers Property Casualty became offer the purchasing option in all 50 states by year-end. So far, electronic

Alabama customers on Intuit Inc.'s in the United States has been slow be-

Many individual investors buy their own stocks these days, and growing ing to have a harder and harder time numbers use the Internet to do so. Fordifferentiating themselves if the only way rester estimates that the roughly 3 million on-line brokerage accounts in existence at the end of 1997 will swell to 14.4 million by 2002.

Many discount brokers offer basic research such as Standard & Poor's comopment was the emergence of so-called pany reports, earnings estimates, rudimentary stock charts and links to stockrelated Internet sites. But while the offerings are useful to a point, the numbers lack detailed commentary on companies

and their prospects. That is where the new research offerings come in: DLJdirect and Olde make reports from their in-house analvsts available via their Web sites. Fi-

The Web sites of DLJdirect and Fiand instead make money by selling ads delity delay the release of research for at their World Wide Web sites. least 24 hours after supplying it to in-"When you get to the level of \$10 or stitutional customers such as mutual

its reports to all customers at once. DLIdirect is the on-line brokerage unit of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Secua cost of \$20 for a 500-share trade of a \$50 Finally, there is a shift among dis-stock, its prices are highly competitive.

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president at Travelers Property Casu-

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cess a transaction on-line, are permitted

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#### Hanoi to Speed Privatizations

HANOI - Vietnam announced plans to speed its privatization program Sunday, saying it would allow from 150 to 200 state-owned companies to move into the private sector this year.

The country's program to liberalize its state sector has progressed tentatively. Only 21 companies, capitalized at less than \$20 million, have been privatized since 1992. The government now will be able to speed up the

program because of changes in legislation, Finance Minister Nguyen Sinh Hung was quoted as saying by the official Vietnam News Agency.

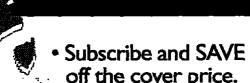
The opening of the country's first stock market by the end of the year is expected to help the process.

The plan to speed privatizations was announced after meetings last week between Finance Ministry officials and the World Bank, International financial institutions have been pressing Hanoi for a radical restructuring in the state sector.

According to the Finance Ministry, more than half of the country's 6,000 state-owned enterprises are unprofitable.

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#### And the second s G7: Criticism of Japan's 'Virtual' Economic Policy Grows Louder "In Asia, that should be Japan's role as ister, Mr. Matsunaga, is a former pros-

to whisk them back to the airport.

to get Japan to agree to buy a large share exports flood into the United States. of exports from South Korea, which are vastly cheaper now that Asian curren-

of the rest of Asia. worked because the United States was growing fast enough to buy up whatever Mexico made," Robert Hormats, deputy chairman of Goldman Sachs International, said last week.

Washington's main goal these days is will soar this year as low-cost Asian

"Japan has to understand the political

Moreover, the prime minister has promised to end deficit spending, and his aides make it clear that Japan has little intention be required to spur the economy. "The stagnation of the past two years

in only 12 states.

reality in Washington," Commerce Sec- of spending the kind of money that would

Edward Lincoln, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who also was the elections this November, "are not a special economic adviser to Walter the American-led rescue of Mexico

The American-led rescue of Mexico

Ania arisin is over that a recovery has a rec special economic adviser to Walter Asia crisis is over, that a recovery has begun, is very much premature." to Japan. "For a long time, the Japanese were in denial, saying things weren't as

#### the region's leader and its richest econ-ecutor who was appointed to clean up the Continued from Page 11 ception, one of them reported later, fed omy. But the Japanese seem oblivious to scandal-ridden ministry. He has little some good meals and offered limousines it. And if Asia comes unglued again, that experience in global economic issues. will likely be the reason why." Of course, the Clinton administra- that have rocked his party and the na-"Igot the impression they didn't want to hear about it," a former regulator to hear about it," a former regulator said. Of course, the Clinton administration's banks, making public financing to tion's banks, making public financing to be banks politically unpopular. Moreover, the prime minister has prom-

cies have dropped in value by 50 percent to 80 percent. So far, that is not hap-Asia to deliver that message. "A soaring was the fault of the government," said cussed in Japan, where the domestic trade deficit and an election year," he economy's troubles overshadow those pening; in fact, it is scarcely being dis-

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were in denial, saying things weren't as bad as everyone thought. Now it is clear

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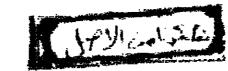
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Patty Schnyder beat Jana Novotna in the Faber Grand Prix.

#### Teen Beats Novotna

Patty Schnyder, an unseeded Swiss teenager, saved two match points Sunday as she upset top-seeded Jana Novotna to win the

Faber Grand Prix in Hannover. Schnyder, 19, and Novotna battled for more than two hours in a see-saw match, before Schnyder took advantage of Novotna's mistakes in the final game to win the \$450,000 event, 6-0, 2-6, 7-5.

Novotna, hampered by a lightly strained stomach muscle, served two double faults and let a passing shot fall in uncontested from Schnyder during the final

• Greg Rusedski beat Marc Rosset, the defending champion, 7-6 (7-3), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 in Antwerp on Sunday in the final of the \$1 million dollar European Community Championship. (Reuters) (Reuters)

#### Kiwis Beat Zimbabwe

CRICKET New Zealand beat Zimbabwe by 10 wickets with a day to spare in the first cricket test at Wellington's Basin Reserve on Sunday. Zimbabwe was all out for 250 in its second innings, leaving New Zealand to make just 20 to win. The home team took just 23 balls to scored the runs. (Reuters)

#### Mutola Breaks Record

ATHLETICS Maria Mutola of Mozambique broke one of the longest-standing records in athletics Sunday when she won the women's 800 metres in one minute 56.56 seconds at the indoor meeting on Sunday in Lievin, Belgium. Mutola beat the previous world re-cord of 1:56.40 set by East Germany's Christine Wachtel at a meeting in Vienna 10 years (Reuters)

#### **Coach Says Unban Drugs**

ATHLETICS Wilf Paish, a leading British coach, has called for the legalization of performance-enhancing drugs in sport.

Paish, who coached Tessa Sanderson to a gold medal in the javelin at the 1984 Olympics and was also in charge of the South African track and field team at the last Games in Atlanta, made his comments in a BBC television program shown Sunday.

#### Fryatt Wins in Malaysia

GOLF Edward Fryatt of England beat defending champion and compatriot Lee Westwood on the second hole of a sudden death playoff in the \$300,000 Malaysian Open golf championship on Sun-(Reuters)

By Murray Chass

MELBOURNE, Florida — The Flor-

ida Marlins — the World Series cham-

pion Florida Marlins - had what was

billed as their first full-squad workout

Friday. The Marlins used the term

John Cangelosi said, lamenting the clubhouse scene, "just for the fact that

you know when you get to spring training, you're not going to be able to try to

repeat, or have the camaraderie of talk-

ing about last year. I mean, who am I

going to talk to about last year, what we

went through or how exciting it was?

That's where it's sad: where you can't

sit around and talk about how we won it

Cangelosi, a reserve outfielder on the

team that won the Series and the Na-

tional League pennant but not a division

championship, worked out with what remained of his fellow champions, al-

though not even all of the remnants were

Twelve members of the 25-man

World Series squad were not present at

Space Coast Stadium to put on their

uniform pants one leg at a time because

they had been dispatched, one way or

another, mostly through trades, in the

ugliest payroll purge this side of Charlie

cause he was home rehabilitating his

surgically repaired wrist. Alex Fernan-

dez was home, too, recuperating from a

torn rotator cuff, which had knocked

But Bobby Bonilla was not here be-

last year.'

"It takes a little enjoyment out of it."

New York Times Service

# WORLD ROUNDUP Juventus and Inter Both Stumble, 3-0

#### Lazio and Udinese Close In on Italian Leader

ROME - The top two teams in the

Italian league both lost Sunday.

Juventus, the Serie A leader, fell to only its second league defeat of the season Sunday as it lost, 3-0, in Florence. Inter Milan fell, also 3-0, to Lazio in Rome and surrendered second place to its conqueror.

Aldo Firicano and Luis Oliveira put Fiorentina ahead, 2-0, inside the opening 45 minutes. Juve dominated the secondhalf and only the woodwork and some

#### **EUROPEAN SOCCER**

desperate defending spared Fiorentina before Anselmo Robbiati completed Juve's humiliation with a neat lob in the

Lazio, unbeaten in its last 15 matches, outplayed Inter, which has lost four of its last 11 matches. It was Inter's heaviest defeat of the season and its miserable afternoon was completed when fullback Mauro Milanese was sent off in the closing minutes for a second yellow

Salvatore Fresi, an Inter defender, miskicked the ball to set up Diego Fuser for the 25th minute opener. Alen Boksic, with his ninth season goal, headed the second following a neat dummy from Roberto Mancini.

The match started as it finished with

Fresi dallying too long on the ball and Casiraghi firing a third.

Udinese, which is fourth, also closed the gap on the leaders with a 3-0 victory over Sampdoria. Martin Jorgensen replaced Oliver Bierhoff, Udinese's top scorer, and scored the first two goals.

George Weah, playing his first league match since sustaining a back injury on Dec. 7, took three minutes to set AC Milan on the way to a 3-1 home victory over Empoli. Maurizio Ganz and Filippo Maniero also scored for Milan. However, a rare Milan success was marred by a last-minute red card for Croat midfielder Zvonimir Boban.

SPAIN Athletic Bilbao, Celta Vigo. Real Sociedad and Real Betis all wasted a chance to close in on Real Madrid on Real Madrid, the Spanish league

leader, had stumbled to a dramatic 4-3 defeat in the final few minutes of its game at Tenerife on Saturday. Real Sociedad, from San Sebastian,

missed the chance to move into second

place when it drew 2-2 at home against Mallorca jumped into fourth spot with a 2-1 victory over Racing Santander, all three goals coming in the final

Celta Vigo lost 2-1 to fast-improving Valencia and slipped to sixth, while Athletic Bilbao fell to seventh place

after it lost, 3-0, at Deportivo Coruna. On Sarurday, Real led, 3-2, with six minutes and was playing against 10 men. But it fell apart at the back, conceding two goals and having two men

Roy Makaay leveled the score in the 84th minute, and moments later was on the receiving end of the foul that led to the penalty which won the game for

ENGLAND Temur Ketsbaia, who had been on the pitch for less than a minute. rescued a point for Newcastle United in a 1-1 draw with Leeds United in the Premier League on Sunday.

Leeds seemed set for victory after a brilliantly executed volley from Rodney Wallace gave it the lead in the 82d minute.

Ketsbaia, who came on as a substitute in the 86th minute, leveled for Newcastle less than a minute later when his left-foot shot slipped through the arms of Leeds goalkeeper Nigel Martyn.

New Marlins: Only a Few Champs Left

son was not here because he was at-

tending his salary arbitration hearing in

Phoenix, where he was not far from five

Sheffield about last season because

Sheffield was home rehabilitating his

bruised ego. Just before the workout

began, the Marlins disclosed that Shef-

field had received permission not to

The \$61 million man, the Marlins' statement said, "has personal business

to attend to and will complete his phys-

ical training with his personal condi-

Under terms of the collective bar-

gaining agreement, players do not have to begin spring training until 33 days

before the start of the season. That com-

putes to the day now scheduled for

Sheffield's spring debut. The imme-

diate speculation was that Sheffield's delayed arrival was his protest over. (a)

the Marlins' attempt to shed him along

shredding of the team, or (c) both of the

down Sheffield's absence, but said, "I

don't think anybody is in the exact

frame of mind that they were in last

As the skies cleared from an

overnight rainstorm, the forecast for the

Moises Alou was 55 miles (88 ki-

lometers) to the west in Kissimmee with

Houston; Al Leiter and Dennis Cook

were 70 miles to the south with the Mets

team remained bleak.

Manager Jim Leyland also played

with the other players; (b) the Marlins

report until next Thursday.

Cangelosi could not chat with Gary

of the dirty dozen.

tioning instructor."

The result meant Leeds moved up from ninth to eighth in the table, while Newcastle rose from 14th to 13th.

On Saturday, Manchester United opened a nine point gap at the top of the premier league when it beat Derby County, 2-0, while Chelsea and Blackburn both lost.

Goals from Ryan Giggs and a Denis Irwin penalty secured the points for the leader, which is chasing their fifth title

But Giggs finished the game with a barnstring injury that will keep him out of United's European Cup quarterfinal first leg against Monaco on March 4.

Chelsea, playing its first league match under new player-manager Gi-anluca Vialli, lost, 2-0, at Leicester, where Emile Heskey scored two minutes after the start and two minutes before the end. SCOTLAND Jorg Albertz scored in the

88th minute to give Rangers, playing with 10 men, a 2-I victory over Hi-Hibernian, bottom of the Scottish

Premier League, took the lead with a goal by Barry Lavety after 19 minutes. Marco Negri equalized for Rangers, the league leader, in the 35th minute for his 35th goal of the season.

Alex Cleland was sent off in the 73d ninute for his second yellow card, but Hibs could not take advantage of their numerical superiority.

Celtic, which started the day level with Rangers on points, beat Kilmarnock, 4-0, and is now level with the leader on goal difference, but Rangers leads because it has scored more goals. Harald Brattbakk scored all four Celtic goals.

FRANCE Olympique Marseille, the French league leader, lost, 1-0, at home to Rennes, one of the bottom team in the division on Saturday. Metz, which is second, lost 2-1 at Le Havre.



Ronaldo, the Inter star, trudging off the field after his team lost.

miles to the west with Kansas City in

Davenport; Tony Saunders was on the

other coast with Tampa Bay, and Kevin

Brown, Robb Nen and Devon White,

among others, were in Arizona, maybe

serving as a cheering squad for their

former teammate's arbitration hearing.
"You win a World Series and you

think about everybody lining up opening day and getting their rings and raising the flag," Gregg Zaun, the Marlins' backup catcher, said. "It's disappoint-

ing."

Has the fire sale detracted from the

"When you trade your best player a week

and a half after you've won something together, it kind of takes the air out of the

bubble. We had something special. For

them to take our players away, it's like

As the players spoke of the departed

and of what might have been, they knew their team had not completed its purge.

Although talks with the Mets about

Sheffield have cooled, general manager

Dave Dombrowski acknowledged that

he planned to trade at least one more

"We're going to do that," he said as players with unfamiliar names on their

backs (Makarewicz?) took batting prac-

tice in covered cages unaffected by the

rain. "There's been enough interest

shown. We've told Jim about it. It just

gets down to what we're doing from a

financial perspective with what Jim's

salary is. It doesn't fit in to what we're

World Series player, Jim Eisenreich.

'Oh, of course," Cangelosi said.

joy of winning it all?

losing a family member.

him off the Series squad. Charles John- in Port St. Lucie; Jeff Conine was 75

#### Morocco's Ali el Khattabi tripping as he passes South Africa's John Moeti in the African cup quarterfinals. South Africa Topples Morocco in Soccer

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso - A second-half strike by the defender David Nyathi gave South Africa a 2-1 victory over Morocco in their African Nations' Cup quarter-final Sunday.

Nyathi scored his first international goal in 34 matches with a long-range drive that put the defending champion into the semifinal.

South Africa, which had its defender Andrew Rabutla sent off in injury time, will play the Democratic Republic of Congo on Wednesday in the semifinal. South Africa spent much of the game

on the defensive after taking a lead at 21 minutes with a goal by Benedict Mc-Carthy. The Ajax Amsterdam striker scored his fifth goal of the tournament from close range.

Morocco anacked for much of the

second half, but Nyathi caught the Moroccans with a solo run down the flank and then struck home with his weaker right foot.

On Saturday, Burkina Faso eliminated Tunisia, 8-7, on penalties after the teams had played to a 1-1 draw in 90 minutes followed by a goalless extra time.

The other quarterfinal Saturday was

also decided by a shootout. Egypt beat Ivory Coast, 5-4, on penalties after a languid 120 minutes with few scoring opportunities.

■ U.S. Loses 2-0 to Netherlands

The U.S. national soccer team, hoping to build on its impressive run to second place in the Gold Cup last week, committed blunders at the start of each half Saturday and lost to the Netherlands, 2-0, the Washington Post reported from Miami.

Ronald de Boer and Philip Cocu scored for the Dutch.

## A Glorious Spectacle for Rugby Lovers

It was a glory day for English and

French rugby. A truly extraordinary Saturday. So many records were broken that it is tedious to list them.

The happy news: France and England have come good at last. Both coaches, Jean-Claude Skrela and Clive Woodward, were under pressure after poor results. Their newfangled message was not getting across to the players. Yet the young coaches persisted, and suddenly both countries produced world-class

The gloomy news: The annual Five Nations tournament looks moribund. What will be the point, for France, of playing Ireland on March 7 and then Wales on April 5? And for England, of playing Scotland on March 22 and Ireland on April 4? The big two are in a Northern Hemisphere league of their own. Their matches with the little three

are turning into practice games. Interest (including that of the players?) depends on drama and suspense. Maybe we will still see an upset. There was certainly a widespread disposition to fear, or want, one going into this past weekend's two matches.

Had not the English been humiliated in France on Feb. 7? Maybe the Welsh, who were away in the wings narrowly beating Italy that weekend, could hope to out-bluster a confused England.

And have not the French consistently played poorly in Edinburgh in recent decades, as if under a Scottish spell? Besides, was not the commitment they summoned against England a one-off thing? Stephane Glas, one of the French centers, threw up after that match, such was the tension.

At Twickenham, Wales had scored two tries to none and deserved its 12-6 lead after 23 minutes. At Murrayfield. two penalty goals made for a 6-0 Scottish lead early on.

rampant. And France cruised into what

But no, desperate England was soon

can conservatively be called brilliance. Scotland's Jim Telfer, the Northern Hemisphere's most respected coach, said this was the best French team he had ever seen. He also said that his own players were the best Scotland had at the The dazed Welsh scored four tries at

Twickenham and lost. England scored eight, an astronomical figure. The French totaled a mere seven tries

(to one) at Murrayfield - the first time in 60 years that visitors have managed

that at any Five Nations venue. "Poetry in motion," as a sportswriter put it. It was a show day for backs. Jeremy England keep this up?

would be candidates for a World Team. Ditto Thomas Castaignede and Philippe Carbonneau of France. Big forwards made the difference,

Guscott and David Rees of England

though. England's front five were imperial, with lock Martin Johnson outstanding. For France, flankers Olivier Magne and Marc Lievremont were not the only forwards who impressed in open-field attack. If you could keep only one image of the big day, it might best be of prop Christian Califano sidestep-

ping his way to a try like a center.

The question, then: Can France and

#### **England Thrashes Wales, 60-26** touched down for Wales at the final

Vantage Point/ Bos Donahue

LONDON - England ran in eight tries to thrash Wales, 60-26, at Twickenham on Saturday. It was the highest points total ever

amassed by a team in the Five Nations and equaled England's record score, achieved against Canada and Japan. It was also the highest aggregate Five

Nations total and broke new ground with the number of replacements used six on either side. Wales led after 20 minutes on the

back of two tries by Allan Bateman. But in the final 12 minutes of the first half, England scored four tries. David Rees, Neil Back, Kyran Bracken and skipper Lawrence Dallaglio scored as England's forwards drove the Welsh

Rees scored a second try 10 minutes into the second half. Gareth Thomas replied for Wales.

Austin Healy, Will Greenwood and Matt Dawson, on as a 70th minute replacement for Bracken, all scored further tries for England before Scott Gibbs

France 51, Scotland 16 in Edinburgh. France outpaced and outwitted the Scots

on a premature spring day providing ideal conditions for the French running and passing approach. France scored seven tries as it broke

its previous highest score of 47-20 set at Parc des Princes last year. In the 14th minute, Marc Lievremont, a flank forward, touched down after the

French pack had pushed the Scots back over their line. Lievremont scored again six minutes later. Winger Philippe Bernat-Salles scored France's third and fourth tries.

Tony Stanger replied with Scotland's only try following a mistake by Thomas Castaignede but Christian Califano, Philippe Carbonneau and Castaignede replied for France.

 Phil Vickery, an England prop, was suspended Sunday for 30 days for punching Welsh flanker Colin Charvis during Saturday's international at

#### EF Language Cleans Up in Whitbread Race

By Angus Phillips

WASHINGTON - With 700 miles to the finish line in Brazil and a 437mile lead on the next boat, BF Language seemed certain to win another leg of the Whitbread round-the-world race and solidify its commanding lead in the overall standings.

"I took a shower today," skipper Paul Cayard e-mailed Saturday as the boat sped north along the Argentine coast at 11 knots.

'Twenty days, no shower," a personal record, he wrote. Conditions were not good for personal hygiene earlier as EF Language moved across the frigid Southern Ocean from Auckland, New Zealand, to Cape Horn on the 6,670-mile (10,730-kilometer)

Having rounded Cape Horn and started heading toward the equator,

Cayard reported that the seawater temperature was up to 74 degrees Fahrenheit (23 centigrade) and that he had found some extra soap for the longawaited cleanup.

EF Language's 12-man crew could afford to relax with the finish line due early Monday. A first-place finish would be their third in five legs. Their nearest rival is lowly rated Brunel Sunergy, which stands eighth in the nineboat fleet. Brunel skipper Roy Heiner scored a coup over the rest of the fleet. going east of the Falkland Islands after rounding Cape Horn and rocketing. from sixth place to second as the others languished in a windless hole west of the islands

"Just finished an exhilarating watch," Heiner reported, "No moon, no stars, absolutely no light whatso-ever." Zipping along in 25 knots of wind while his rivals stood still was "enormous fun," he wrote,

In the meantime, Chessie, the Maryland entry, was back in contention after picking up emergency repair equipment near the Argentine coast Thursday. Chessie stood fifth Saturday, 50 miles behind Brunel but within five miles of third-place Merit Cup and fourth-place Swedish Match.

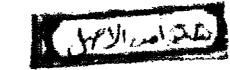
Going "from the deepest depression imaginable," when Chessie had to stop racing and head for shore to get parts for a broken pump, "to back in the yacht race in three days is in-credible," wrote watch captain Grant Spanhake of Annapolis.

Silk Cut and EF Education, both dismasted in the Southern Ocean. limped toward the finish. On Friday. Silk Cut made port in Ushuaia, Argentina, in the Beagle Channel behind Cape Horn, to pick up repair gear and was continuing up the coast under jury-rigged sails attached to the remaining half of its mast,

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# MONDAY, FEBRUARI 2019 Duke Tramples UCLA In Pursuit of Top Spot

No. 1 North Carolina Opens Door by Losing

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. - Duke, the isecond ranked college basketball team, made a strong bid to reclaim the top ranking with a 120-84 victory over No. 12 UCLA on Sunday.

Trajan Langdon matched his careerhigh with 34 points to lead the dom-

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inating performance. It was the most points ever allowed by the Bruins.

Duke (25-2) or No. 3 Arizona, which

has the longest winning streak, will probably rise to the top of the poll following No. I North Carolina's home loss to North Carolina State on Saturday. It could be Duke's third stint as the top-ranked team this season.

UCLA (20-6) began playing basket-ball in 1919 and the most points it had ever allowed had been 116 to Stanford in double overtime in 1987.

The Blue Devils scored 57 points on the stunned Bruins in the opening 20 minutes, shooting 56 percent, making 10 of 17 3-pointers and blocking seven shots to go up by 24 points at halftime.

No. 8 Kentucky 85, Georgia 74 In Lexington, Kentucky, Nazr Mohammed scored 16 points to lead five Kentucky players in double figures Georgia (14-12, 6-8 Southeastern Conference) led at halftime, 43-36, but

Most in the Anteonomy quantity wilted against the fullcourt pressure applied by the Wildcats (24-4, 12-2). No. 22 Michigan 112, Indiana 64 In Ann Arbor, Michigan, Jerod Ward had a career-high 24 points and 10 rebounds tocco in Soca

as Michigan scored the most points ever allowed by a Hoosiers team coached by Bob Knight. It was the second time in 132 games between the schools that Michigan (19-8, 9-5 Big Ten) had scored more than 100 points against the Hoosiers (18-8, 9-

5). The other was on March 7, 1970. In games played Saturday: North Carolina State 86, No. 1 North Carolina 72 The Wolfpack (15-11, Atlantic Coast Conference 5-9), 21-point underdogs, upset the top-ranked Tar Heels despite making only seven baskets in the second half, including two in the final 13:24. But N.C. State, the second-best free-throw team in the con-

ference, made 25 straight free throws to nail down the victory. North Carolina (26-2, 12-2) has two regular-season conference games left; the second is at Duke on Saturday.

Mo. 3 Arizona 81, Oregon 66 Mike Bibby scored 17 of his 25 points in the second half and Miles Simple added 20 second half and Miles Simon added 20 being arrested early Wednesday in East points and five assists as the Wildcats Lansing, Michigan, on alcohol-related

(24-3, 14-0 Pac-10) won in Oregon. It was the Wildcats' 17th straight vic-

No. 4 Kansas 71, lowa State 54 In Lawrence, Kansas, the Jayhawks clinched their second straight Big 12 championship, Paul Pierce, scored just two points in the first half, but finished with 19 as Kansas gained its 59th straight home court victory.

Marcus Fizer, Iowa State's sensational freshman, had 13 points in the first half as the Cyclones stayed within one point of Kansas. Guarded by Pierce much of the second half, the 6-foot-8 Fizer was scoreless. Kansas (29-3, 13-1) is 28-2 in conference games since the Big 12 was formed.

Penn State 74, No. 5 Purdue 63 in State College, Pennsylvania, the Nittany Lions gained their first win over a Top 5 team in 50 years.

The Nittany Lions withstood an early second-half challenge by the Boilermakers (22-6, 10-4 Big Ten), who came back from seven down at halftime to tie the game with 13:20 left.

No. 6 Utah 55, Air Force 41 In Salt Lake City, the Utes (22-2, 9-2 WAC) held the Falcons (9-14 overall, 2-10) scoreless for the final 4:20. No. 7 Connecticut 83, Villanova 76 in

Philadelphia, the Huskies (24-4, 13-3 Big East) held on after Villanova (10-7-9), which had trailed by as many as 15 points, closed to 79-76 with 47 seconds left. No. 9 Princeton 74, Dartmouth 53

Princeton (23-1, 11-0) extended its winning streak to 16 games by beating visiting Dartmouth (6-18, 3-9) for the seventh straight time. The Tigers moved within two games of winning their third straight Ivy League title.

No. 10 Stanford 72, Washington State 56 In Stanford, the Cardinals (23-3, 12-2) beat the Cougars (9-17, 2-13), who have lost 10 of 11.

lo. 13 South Carolina 79, Florida 74 B.J. McKie scored 31 points as the Gamecocks (20-5, 10-4 Southeastern Conference) won in Florida (13-11, 6-

No. 14 Michigan State 56, Wisconsi 47 Mateen Cleaves, benched for the first half as punishment for his arrest earlier in the week, scored 14 points as the Spartans rallied in Wisconsin to clinch at least a share of the Big Ten cham-

Cleaves, a sophomore guard, and freshman forward Andre Hutson were benched for the first half by coach Tom Izzo as part of their punishment for



North Carolina's Antawn Jamison, left, fighting for a rebound with N.C. State's Cornelius Williams during action Saturday at Chapel Hill.

charges. In their absence the Spartans (20-5, 13-2) struggled in the first half against the ninth-place Badgers (11-16, 3-11), who lost their ninth straight conference game.

No. 15 Mississippi 82, Mississippi State 78 In Starkville, Mississippi, Ansu Sesay scored 25 points as Ole Miss (19-5, 10-4 Southeastern Conference) won their fifth straight.

No. 16 Arkansas 107, Aubum 83 In Fayetteville, Arkansas, the Razorbacks (22-5, 11-3 Southeastern Conference) made 13 of their first 19 3-point attempts against the Tigers (15-10, 7-7) who played without Randy Hughes and Derek Caldwell, both suspended indefinitely for violation of team rules.

No. 17 Cincinnati 75, DePaul 38 In Cincinnati, the Bearcats (21-5, 12-2 Conference USA) gained their 15th consecutive victory over the DePaul (7-

No. 18 Massachusetts 82, St. Joseph's 79 In Amherst, Massachussetts, Lari Ketner made five points in overtime as the Minutemen (20-7, 12-2 Atlantic 10) beat St. Joseph's (9-15, 2-12).

No. 19 Texas Christian 95, No. 11 New Mexico 64 In Fort Worth, Texas, Lee Nailon scored 31 points and Mike Jones added 29 as the Horned Frogs avenged an earlier loss to the Lobos.

Rutgers 62, No. 21 Syracuse 58 Rob Hodgson scored 19 points as The Scarlet Knights (12-13, 6-11 Big East) re-corded their first home victory over a ranked team since 1991.

Todd Burgan led the Orangemen (20-6, 10-5) with 20 points.

No. 25 Maryland 81, Georgia Tech 69 In College Park, Maryland, the Ter-rapins (16-9, 9-6) clinched a third-place finish in the ACC with their fourth straight victory over Georgia Tech (17-10, 6-8).

## NBA Rookies Count to 3 And Seek Better Deals

By Mike Wise New York Times Service

It seemed a good idea at the time. The National Basketball Association wanted to stop being held to ransom by untested rookies who had been selected in its annual draft, so it designed a rookie salary scale that would limit the rewards to the league's kids until they had three years of experience under their belt.

But less than three years after the owners and the players agreed to the plan. it has gone bust in a number of ways. It has not helped teams keep star players. nor has it helped professional basketball's out-of-whack economics.

The owners created a problem by giving up the right of first refusal during labor negotiations in the summer of 1995. Instead of a team having the right to match another team's offer to their free agents, a player now can simply

The flip side to the deal is that players can feel like they are sort of serving just an apprenticeship, and the dynamics about how players feel about their teams change," said Russ Granik. the National Basketball Association's deputy commissioner. "I felt at the time that the owners gave up a lot by giving

up a right of first refusal."
Of the first 13 picks in 1995, only three have remained with the team that drafted them. And two of those three players — Kevin Garnett in Minnesota and Bryant Reeves in Vancouver signed such extraordinary deals that their franchises must find creative ways to keep competitive rosters intact.

Last week, the No. 1 pick from that draft, Joe Smith, and the No. 7 pick, Damon Stoudamire, were dealt because the teams that had drafted them felt that they were not prepared to pay \$100 million to keep them, or that no matter what amount of money they offered between seasons, the players would bolt

'It's really a sad state of affairs," Garry St. Jean, Golden State's general manager, said recently. "You have a guy for three years, and you barely have a chance to evaluate him, and he's In the Warriors' case, they did not

feel Smith was worth the commitment. While some players have benefited greatly - Garnett's \$126 million deal is the sterling example — the structure has created a league of disparate salaries, an NBA of haves and have-nots.

There is a good chance the collectivebargaining agreement will be reopened April by the owners, who have the unilateral right to do so.

current rookie scale will be up for in-

tense debate and, possibly, change.

The way things are now, something has got to give. Kevin McHale, Minnesota's vice president of basketball operations, said recently. "There's no stability, and it's near impossible to keep a playoff team together in a small market And oftentimes, three years after you're done putting all the effort into teaching and nurturing, your player is gone to

someone else. The lack of stability is also affecting the players. Eric Montross, Sam Cassell and Jim Jackson might have substantial arguments to make about not reporting to. the next team they are traded to. Playing for four teams apiece over the past year, they have been at the system's mercy.

If Montross (Boston, Dallas, Nets, Philadelphia), Cassell (Houston, Phoenix, Dallas and the Nets) and Jackson (Dallas, Nets, Philadelphia, Golden State) held out for a clothing stipend to accommodate each climate change, maybe people would understand.

But what happened before Thursday's deadline - Kenny Anderson refusing to report to Toronto and Rony Seikaly failing to show in Utah — has the league worried and perhaps thinking about amendments to its current tradeand-report procedures.

"If it becomes more and more pre-valent, that's a definite concern," Granik said. "When our players don't report on trades, it's a little disturbing.

Section 10 of the uniform player contract states that if players fail to report in the 48-hour window after a trade, they can be suspended without pay. Orlando was apparently prepared to exercise that clause in Seikaly's case before the Jazz voided the deal. Anderson's situation was even more

troubling. Soon after he was traded for Stoudamire, he steadfastly refused to play for Toronto. Rather than deal with the ramifications of a disgruntled player, the Raptors settled for the Celtics rookie Chauncey Billups to run their team instead.

Though the Raptors gained an improving forward in Gary Trent and another promising rookie in Alvin Williams from the Portland deal, Glen Grunwald, Toronto's general manager, essentially found himself taking Boston's unwanted baggage off its hands and getting less than the franchise could have had for Stoudamire, one of the most coveted players of the last two months.

Several well-documented tales of agents or players erupting in anger after being informed of a potential trade led to the demise of several deals, including a three-way deal in which Stoudamire was supposed to go to Orlando and There is an even better chance that the Anfernee Hardaway would have come

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By Ric Bucher

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - The capacity crowd at MCI Center shuffled out quietly, having failed to see the best from either the home team, the Washington Wizards, or from the star of the visiting Chicago Bulls, Michael

The Wizards, playing for the sixth consecutive game without injured forwards Chris Webber and Juwan Howard, simply did not have the fire-power to avoid a 94-88 loss to Jordan and the Chicago Bulls on Saturday. Jordan played 42 minutes but made

only 8 of 23 shots for 19 points. Scottie Pippen proved to be the biggest catalyst in Chicago's victory, leading his team with 23 points. Dennis Rodman, who did not start, had a game-high 17 rebounds.

The Bulls had an advantage simply by having all of their best players on the court. The Wizards again were without their top two scorers and rebounders, Webber (strained right shoulder) and Howard (sprained left ankle). But Washington took an early 17-10 lead and stayed within single digits the entire won for only the sixth time in 25 road fourth quarter.

We probably took their team a little for granted, because they're not healthy," Jordan said, "We thought we could play any kind of style and win and we almost got stung."

But the Wizards didn't have enough

to make the Bulls pay for their lapses in execution or concentration. No one was more out of his element than forward Tracy Murray, the team's sixth man forced to start against Pippen. Murray finished with 18 points, but Pippen was simply too long and quick for Murray to defend by himself. The Bulls are 17-4 this season with Pippen. In other games, The Associated Press

reported: 76ors 98, Nots 89 Allen Iverson had

points and 12 assists to lead Philadelphia to a rare road victory. New Jersey, which lost its third

straight, announced that recently acquired center Rony Seikaly had an MRI and would miss four weeks with a bone contusion in his right foot. Derrick Coleman scored 10 of his 24 the Clippers their sixth straight loss and

points in the fourth quarter as the Sixers 18th in 20 tries.

Pippen Inspires Bulls to Whip Wizards

games. Pistons 94. Mavericks 82 Grant Hill. Detroit's star forward, scored just five but Brian Williams scored 19 points, Joe Dumars had 18 and the Pistons won in Dallas anyway.

Hill, averaging 21.3 points per game, made just 2 of 11 field goal attempts in 39 minutes. He had his streak of scoring in double figures stopped at 41. Jazz 79, Spurs 77 In San Antonio, Monty Williams couldn't get the tying

shot off after rookie Tim Duncan missed a chance to tie from the foul line as Utah bung on for its seventh straight victory. Karl Malone had 24 points and 13 rebounds as the Jazz increased their

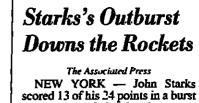
Midwest Division lead over the Spurs to Hornets 111, Clippers 98 In Los Angeles, Anthony Mason scored 25

points and helped Charlotte overcome a 19-point deficit and end a three-game losing Streak. Glen Rice had 23 points and David Wesley 21 for the Hornets, who handed

Bulls' Michael Jordan, right, clashing with Wizards' Calbert Cheaney.

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scored 13 of his 24 points in a burst at the start of the fourth quarter Sunday to carry the New York Knicks to a 92-74 victory over the Houston Rockets.

Starks made three 3-pointers, a dunk and a jump shot in the first six minutes of the final period, then added his fourth 3-pointer of the quarter with 2:41 left to give New York, which led by one entering the

quarter, an 18-point lead. It was the sixth victory in seven games since the All-Star break for the Knicks, whose hot streak has left them with the fourth-best record in the Eastern Conference.

Larry Johnson added 16 points and Charlie Ward, playing extra minutes because of an injury to Chris Childs, had 14 points, six rebounds, five assists and four

Clyde Drexler scored 16 points for the Rockets and Hakeem Olaju-

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# What Next for the Young Champ?

#### Savoring the Moment, Lipinski Isn't Looking Ahead — Yet

By Jere Longman
New York Times Service

NAGANO, Japan — Kevin Costner watched her from the stands. The governor of Michigan called to offer congratulations. Even Secretary of State Madeleine Albright called, presumably wanting to talk about salchows instead of Scuds. And when Tara Lipinski went to bed Friday night, she clutched her gold medal as if it were a teddy bear.

"I always said I was going to do that when I was young, so I did it," she

She had no comment on whether war with Iraq can really be imminent if the secretary of state has enough free time to call a figure skating champion. She had even less comment about her own future. The issue has not yet been dis-cussed, much less decided, Lipinski

At 15, Lipinski is the youngest person to win an Olympic figure skating title. The silver medalist, Michelle Kwan, is but 17. The question becomes: What happens next?

Do they continue toward the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City? Do they walk away, retiring from rigorous Olympic-style skating because it extracts such a mental and physical toll? Will college or other interests intervene? Will Lipinski be only the third

woman to repeat as Olympic champion? Is she the teen-age equivalent of Tom Buchanan in "The Great Gatsby" -someone who has accomplished so much at an early age that the rest of her

life will "savor of anticlimax"? "It would be sad for them and sad for the sport if they walk away prema-turely," said Sally-Anne Stapleford of Britain, who refereed the women's competition and runs the International Skating Union's technical committee. "They have so much potential and they are so young. It would be sad if they looked back in 10 years in regret and

said, 'What if I had stayed in?' Only Sonja Henie of Norway and Katarina Witt of the former East Germany have attempted to repeat as women's Olympic champions. Henie won three times and Witt twice. But as the champions get younger and younger, and the jumps become more numerous and difficult, Olympic careers seem to

be growing shorter and shorter. 'You're still in shock." Lipinski said Saturday of her victory. "It's like a

She is not ready to stop dreaming. Not even long enough to say whether she will attend next month's world championships in Minneapolis.

Now that the competition strategy is finished, the marketing strategy begins. If she loses to Kwan at the worlds, she might risk losing some of the luster of her Olympic victory.
Of the 2002 Winter Games, Lipinski

said: "I don't want to think about that. It's four years away. This is my time to enjoy it and have fun.

As her agent, Mike Burg, sees it, Lipinski's choice will be made by her life's twists and turns in the next few years. She is already a millionaire, and the same lucrative money is available to Olympic-style skaters as to so-salled professional skaters. So Lipinski must decide whether she wants to continue with the strenuous training and difficult jumping required at the Olympic level.



Tara Lipinski hitching a ride with an unidentified fellow athlete at

"It's tough on the body and the mind," Burg said. "Do you want that lifestyle or do you want a performing, entertaining lifestyle?"

In some capacity, however, Lipinski is certain to continue skating, Burg said:
"If she was the queen of England, she'd probably skate four hours a day."
His most immediate concern, he said,

is approaching endorsement opportuni-ties in a discreet manner and avoiding the mistakes of recent Olympic medalists. Oksana Baiul of Ukraine, the 1994

Olympic champion, proved unable to handle sudden fame and wealth at age 16; her professional career stumbled and her reputation suffered when she was arrested in an alcohol-related driving incident. Nancy Kerrigan, the 1994 silver medalist, skated courageously after being attacked by associates of Tonya Harding, but her sharp tongue also tarnished her reputation.

"We said, Let's do the right thing," Burg said. "We've seen some bad moves made by some big-name skaters. Tara has seen those mistakes. She knows them. She's not going to make them.' A women's figure skating gold medal

has an estimated career worth of \$10 million to \$15 million. Lipinski now has endorsement deals with DKNY kids line, Chevrolet, Minute Maid, Mattel's skating Barbie doll and Campbell's soup. I think she's one of the more mar-

ketable female athletes in the world right now," Burg said. Because Lipinski and Kwan are such appealing role models, he added, endorsement deals featuring both athletes

are "not a half-bad idea." Kwan is expected to attend the world championships, and she suggested that she would try to compete in the Salt Lake Games. But she did not seem as definite Saturday as she had sounded Friday.

"I'm going to take one thing at a time," she said, adding that she might give up skating if she decides to attend college full time. She has talked with her coach, Frank Carroll, and has taken inspiration from the career of Carol Heiss-Jenkins. After finishing second at the 1956 Winter Games, Heiss-Jenkins won the ensuing world championship and took the gold medal at the 1960 Games.

"He believes I can do it and fight back," Kwan said of Carroll. "There's no guarantee I'll move one step forward in 2002," she added. "I know that. I'm willing, hopefully, to take that chance.



Sean Olsson piloting the British I bobsled to third place. Christopher Langen drove the German 2 sled to first.

#### U.K. Shares Bronze for Its Sole Medal

By Amy Shipley Washington Post Service

NAGANO, Japan — In the finish area fthe Olympic bobsled course, members of Britain's bobsled team took swigs of vintage Champagne straight from the bottle as they celebrated the bronze medal they shared Saturday with the French in the four-man bobsled event.

Oblivious of the British, a coach of the French team hopped around gleefully in nothing but a black floppy hat, black Calvin Klein briefs, black boots and an Olympic Games credential.

Brian Shimer, the U.S. bobsled driver, meanwhile, talked quietly in another

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cream parlors handed out small toys

contrast to the 1996 Summer Games in

reliable and the computer system was

pan," Juan Antonio Samaranch, pres-

ident of the International Olympic Com-

mittee, said at the closing ceremonies

Sunday. "You have presented to the

world the best organization in the his-

In that spirit of friendship and co-

operation, the room-trashing behavior

of the American men's hockey team

after its failed performance here seemed

especially embarrassing to many other

the U.S. women's gold-medal winning

hockey team, whose brother, Robbie,

had a lost camera returned. "They don't

steal and they have a lot of respect for

people's things. We had been here long

enough to understand how much they

take the Olympic tournament more as a

semester break than a legitimate com-

Many of their wrist shots were ap-

parently swallowed in bars instead of

fired on the net. Unable to catch Swedes

and Canadians to knock around on the

larger ice surface, they resorted to

Meanwhile, the American public

seemed to lose interest in the final

Winter Games of the 20th century, in

part because of CBS's lackluster cov-

erage.
The Winter and Summer Games can-

not afford to have declining interest in

the United States, which sustains the

Olympic movement with television fees

knocking around the furniture.

The men's hockey players seemed to

respect other people's belongings."

The Japanese people are so non-'s said Cammi Granato, captain of

tory of the Winter Games."

Olympians.

'Congratulations, Nagano and Ja-

with purchases of chocolate cones.

partaking in this medal celebration by 0.02 second. In his fourth Games, Shimer, 35, failed for the fourth time to win an Olympic medal, finishing fifth Sat-

BOBSLED

urday. Because there was a tie for third there was no fourth place team.

"He has always had so much misfortune," said Dean Ward, the British pusher, of Shirner. "You can't even blink faster than two-hundredths of a second.

Shimer said, "Two hundredths is two minutes if it's for fifth place." His team posted a time of 2 minutes,

40.08 seconds for three runs Saturday and

Friday. The German team driven by Christopher Langen won the gold with a combined time of 2:39.41, and the Swiss sled driven by Marcel Rohner captured the silver in 2:40.01. Sean Olsson of Britain and Brano Mingeon of France drove their sleds to 2:40.06 finishes.

Shimer said he thought he had led a strong final run, so he was shocked when he saw his time of 53.73 seconds the slowest of the team's three runs. Shimer's sled had the fastest time at

each of the six track intervals - except for the last one.

"I thought we had lost it," said Olsson, whose finish gave Britain its only medal of these Olympics. "They must have had a nightmare at the bottom.'

#### Elaborate efforts were made to return the closing ceremonies in Nagano. lost gloves and cameras and money. Volunteers were courteous; huge traffic iams never materialized as feared Good Sports: Can Women Save the Day? and the organization was impeccable. In

New York Times Service FEW YORK - Late in the third period, when she saw Tara Mounsey slam the Canadian into

the boards, Arlene Gorton nearly choked on her breakfast bagel. Her first thought was pure coach-think: "Durnb penalty." But sitting at home in Providence, Rhode Island, she already knew the final score, so her second thought was more academically sociological: "This is the final public knell of the artificial construct of what is masculine and feminine in sports.'

That same morning, in Menlo Park, California, Amy Love, who had carefully avoided hearing the result in the Olympic hockey game so she could enjoy the drama, shuddered as the Canadians scored on a power play. Could they possibly rally in the final minutes. which might affect Love's business plans? Love's biggest thrill so far in the broadcast had been a commentator's remark that the game was "great entertainment" regardless of the players' gender. She interpreted that to mean, Women's sports is here."

No kidding. These were warriors, hard-charging competitors who came to win, not just play. And something about their sport cold, difficult, brutal and artistic -made their gold medals even more symbolic than the ones in 1996 won in soccer, softball and basketball. Ice hockey, after all, would seem to be a stereotypical male sport. And the wornen last week mostly played the game the way the very best men do, with more finesse than thuggery.

So now what? "It's just the start; this will mushroom across the country," said Love, who is 31 and trying to start a periodical called "Real Sports" that may or may not have "women in sports" under the title on the cover. The focus groups have yet to come in with the verdict.

"Women want to get involved in the drama of competition, they want athleticism, intensity, all of it," she said. Gorton, the 66-year-old associate athletic director at Brown University, is not quite sure how it will play out. "I think it will open the floodgates, more women's hockey, more women's team sports." she said. "But will they follow the traditional male models, the commercialism, the so-called Dream Teams, the need to win as the only affirmation? Or will what is still pure here, the amateurism, the love of the process, not only remain but have some effect on all mainstream sport?"

'OMEN'S sports have been at crossroads before, although never with the stakes and the interest so high (witness the new line of Barbie dolls in WNBA uniforms). The choice of roads taken have often been made by the men who control collegiate and pro sports, the Olympics, television and advertising agencies, but the pressure to make those choices has always come from generations of women elbowing and kneeing their way onto the playing field and struggling to make it Vantage Point / Robert Lipsyte

level. The passage of legislation in 1972 mandating equality in federally supported education, including sports, has been an important, although frequently flouted, lever.

The story of the ice hockey victory, however, predates Title IX. In 1964, Pembroke, then the women's college of Brown, formed the country's first female intercollegiate ice hockey team. The Pembroke Pandas played mostly

Canadian college teams. They wore figure skates with the picks broken off and modified boys' junior and peewee uniforms," Gorton said. "We had to sell chocolate bars and hot dogs at other athletic events to raise the money to go on the road. And it was wonderful because the women so believed in what they were doing. They had such idealism and hope and love for

"I felt so emotional watching the Olympics because I saw some of that still there, and certainly in magnificent contrast to the men's team, the pampered pros, the created image of a Dream Team brought together by

money. Love was a beneficiary of Title IX, yet she still had to fight to make it work for her. As a 9-year-old in Danville, California, she was kept off Contra Costa County's all-star team because the California Youth Soccer Association decreed such elite competition for

Young Amy declared, "I think God made people even," and went to court. She eventually won her case, but at some cost.

'Some of the other mothers wouldn't talk to my mom," she recalled. "Some said we ruined soccer in Danville, but we built it up! I got to play for the allstars, and 13 other girls who wanted to play soccer but didn't bring a lawsuit got to play, too. And next year there will be new leagues for girls; over 200 already signed up."

Love's college and pro dreams were ended by a knee injury, but she thinks that her business life, which includes a Harvard master's degree and a Procter & Gamble Co. vice presidency at 29, has been made possible by playing on teams, by learning about pressure and performance and getting along with people in sports. Just the way that boys always did.

Amateur sports as springboard to professional sports or to corporate competition has been taken for granted by American men for generations; now that it is just beginning to offer some lift to women, there is increased debate over the value of sports.

A new generation of gladiator is slipping on spikes and sneakers. Will they recapitulate the male model?

For starters, the women are not bringing their support staff with them. Before Title IX, most women's teams were coached by women. Now, less

than half are coached by women. The

coach of that Olympic champion women's hockey team was a man.

"There might be true equality today," said Jack Scott, a longtime Olympic trainer, "if women's sports had gotten their fair share of the pie before they were absorbed into the NCAA, back when they were still run by

women. The image of the joy and tears that melted hearts and ice at Big Hat Arena after the American women defeated Canada, 3-1, will be around for a long time, perhaps even longer than the biggest question it raised. Are women truly the new irresistible force in sports or are they being allowed in to replace what's been lost - morality and pas-

Without those strands of decency and honest emotion, the games will not flourish, the fans will not tune in, the swoosh will wither and die.

"I wish I could answer that ques-' said Gorton, who will retire from Brown this year after 36 years as a student and professor. "The opportunity is there, the potential is there, and if sports doesn't change I think it will just run itself into the ground; people will lose interest.

'Can women change it? The cynic would say, 'Well, you girls needed a big win on TV, so what else is new?' The battle is not won. But it's been thrill-

THE LANDSCAPE is filling with new gladiators — from Tennessee's undefeated, aggressive women's basketball team to the first allfemale crew in the grueling Whitbread Round the World yacht race. Can women change sports before it

changes them?

One of the most consistently provocative voices in the field, the anthor and former pro basketball player Mariah Burton Nelson, argues that women do not have to accept what she calls the "conqueror's way" of victory by dom-ination, by humiliating an opponent through in-your-face confrontation. Women, she writes in her new book, 'Embracing Victory: Life Lessons in Competition and Compassion," can find joy in winning through the "cham-pion's way," in which an opponent becomes a partner in a hard but cleanly nlaved dance.

Sounds great. But the role models out there have been men. Tara Mounsey's two minutes in the penalty box led to a Canadian power-play goal that ulti-mately didn't matter, a great relief to Love. But Arlene Gorton, the purist, was not amused, especially after Mounsey said that her coach had told her to 'get in their faces," and she had.

Gorton finally decided that she didn't want to put a male or female spin on that hard check. Eating breakfast back in Providence, she had her third thought: "I said to myself, 'That's just

and corporate sponsorships. It is a comfort to international Olympic officials great pressure to produce his country's that the next Winter Games will be held in Salt Lake City in 2002.

GAMES: These Olympics Featured Bad Weather and Good People

Still, the American public's relative lack of enthusiasm for these Games raises the question of whether the Olympics have somehow been devalued under a staggered schedule of a Winter or Summer Games every two ars. It did not help what has generally been considered a after faltering on his final jump four poor job of promoting the Games be-

"I don't think it's a matter of devaluing at all," said John Krimsky, a marketing official for the U.S. Olympic Committee said. "I think we're at a crossroads. We've got to make some interesting and hard decisions as we

move forward." The Olympics are essentially a madefor-television event. According to Krimsky, only one in 100,000 of those who watch the Games see them in person. Thus the ability of television to hold the audience's attention is crit-

And that becomes more of a challenge with the growing sophistication of the Internet, where results were instantly available, leaving people less dependent on television for news. According to Nagano organizers, 620 million hits were made on the Nagano website during the Games, tremendous growth from the 87 million hits made on the Atlanta website during the 1996

Summer Games. While the U.S. market was down, viewership was up in other places. According to the International Olympic Committee, viewership in Canada was up 5 percent over Lillehammer, Australia was up 30 percent and Eurosport, the European equivalent of ESPN, was up 25 percent. Viewership in Japan was up 50 percent as Japanese athletes won five gold medals, two more than they had won in all previous Winter Games

combined. Some of the Games' most stirring moments were provided by the Japanese. Hiroyasu Shimizu won the men's

first gold of the Games, then said he had trouble distinguishing his dream about victory from victory itself. "I would like to thank my father in Heaven." he said, adding that without parental pressure he would not have entered the

When Masahiko Harada of Japan years ago, he sobbed so hard that he could not speak to television interviewers. After he and his teammate Kazuyoshi Funaki won medals in the large hill individual competition, they sprinted down a gangplank at the victory ceremony and tossed bouquets as if to 10,000 bridesmaids.

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The most arresting moment of the Games came when Hermann Maier of Austria became a poster boy for the agony of defeat with his spectacular crash during the men's downhill. Undeterred, the "Herminator" recovered to win gold medals in the super-G and giant slalom. Katja Seizinger of Germany became the first woman to win the downhill in successive Olympics. And Dahlie, the Norwegian cross-country skier, won three gold medals here, giving him a record of eight in the Winter Games.

Women won four of the six gold medals taken by Americans. Tara Lipinski had fun from beginning to end, living in the village, becoming the youngest skater to win a gold medal and experiencing the closing ceremonies while riding atop someone's shoulders. Following gold medals in Atlanta in

basketball, soccer and softball, the Americans won the inaugural women's Olympic hockey tournament. Women's bobsled, ski jumping and doubles luge are being considered for additions to the schedule in Salt Lake City.

'It's a huge boost for confidence,' said Karyn Bye of the hockey team. "So many girls grow up without a good self image. I think by having success in the Olympics, it gives a lot of girls something to look forward to.

Chun Lee Kyung of South Korea at the finish line. out at the line and managed to

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#### Japan Skater Hits Gold, **But Seoul Holds Its Lead**

NAGANO, Japan - Japan

celebrated its first gold medal in short-track speed skaring when Takafumi Nishitani won the 500 meters Saturday and promptly led more than 7,000 people at the White Ring in a "Banzai" cheer. An Yulong of China won the silver, and Hitoshi

SHORT-TRACK

Uematsu of Japan took the bronze.

South Korea put a stamp on its dominance with three more medals, giving it six for the Nagano Games — three gold — and 15 in the short history of short track,

Chun Lee Kyung won a thrilling finish in the 1,000 meters.

Side by side with world champion Yang Yang A of China. Chun stuck her foot

win by the length of a skate

Yang was disqualified for locking arms with Chan, so the silver medal went to Yang Yang S. another Chinese skater. Won Hye Kyung of South Korea won bronze.

Canada won the men's 5.000-meter relay for its second short-track gold medal of the Games, taking advantage of falls by the oth-

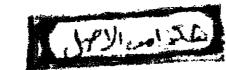
Italy went down first and wound up fourth, while a tumble by a Chinese skater took out South Korea.

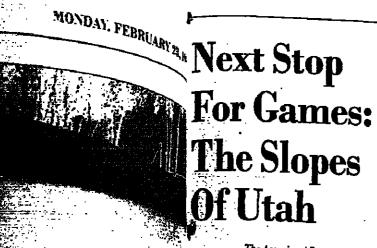
The South Koreans bounced back to capture silver, and China sertled for the bronze.

China won a medal in every event, the only country to accomplish that feat, but it failed to win a gold.

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The Slopes Of Utah The Associated Press Salt Lake City. of competition Sunday.

NAGANO, Japan - Sayonara and well done, Nagano. It's your show now,

The Winter Olympics ended 16 days

These Games move from Asia to

America in 2002, and for Utah it will be the culmination of a quest that began in 1966. Salt Lake lost host bids to Sapporo. Japan, for the 1972 games; Innsbruck, Austria, for 1976, and Nagano for 1998 The Nagano decision in 1991 was the

toughest, because the International Olympic Committee vote was close, 46 to 42. Salt Lake applied again six years later for the 2002 Games and this time succeeding on an unprecedented first ballot. It will be the first Winter Games for the United States since Lake Placid. New York, in 1980.

the venues in Nagano for the last three weeks, taking notes and preparing for an expected invasion of 3,500 athletes, coaches and trainers and 10,000 media representatives for the next Winter Games, Feb. 8-24, 2002.

What they saw was a well-run what they saw was a well-run A delegation from Utah traveled to all the venues in Nagano for the last three

Freday. The German team does Olympics with none of the transportation or technological glitches that dogged the Summer Games in Atlanta in 1996. They were suitably impressed.

sand arriver by Marcel Robuston Frank Joklik, president and chief ex-British and Bruno Minggood of mittee, said his group had learned much

when he saw his time of 53 That said. "The most important thing to take home is the need for flexibility in planhad the tasts in ning. The Nagano organizing commit-Tack interaktive saw the need for that and has coped with the constant changing of events.

Weather caused frequent postponements but never unruffled the Japanese The Olympics The planners, who shrugged off excessive have the a transfer at the book snow, sleet, fog, rain and even a minor earthquake to carry out the games.
"I've been very surprised how well

everything has been handled in light of Weather and Good Poor the changing schedule, 'Joklik said. Matching that will be Salt Lake's goal, and Joklik said his city is prepared

For as long as Salt Lake has waited for this event, the city hopes Joklik is righ. The Clarest and the salt is the salt that right. The Games are expected to gen-

Salt Lake City promises Games that

will be convenient and cost-conscious. All of the sports venues will be localed between 10 and 60 minutes' drive from the Olympic Village, which will be on the campus of the University of Utah, where new dorms will be constructed to

> The city's budget for the games is \$920 million, compared with more than \$2 billion for Nagano. NBC paid \$545 million for U.S. TV rights, compared with \$375 million CBS paid for Nagano.

Thirty-three percent of the Salt Lake budget, more than \$300 million, is for sports venues, the Observation of the Salt Lake stadium construction. Nagano's con-struction costs reached \$693 million.

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Hans-Petter Buraas of Norway skirting a gate during his first run in the slalom. He went on to win a gold medal.

# A Rising Star Adds Splash of Color

By Christopher Clarey
New York Times Service

YAMANOUCHI, Japan - The table was set, and the Emperor and Empress of Japan were seated.

They had come to the final ski race of these weather-plagued Olympic Games to get a glimpse of the local hero, Kiminobu Kimura, and the global hero, Alberto Tomba, who has sold aimost as many ski racks and ski jackets in Japan as he has in Italy.

"They love me here," Tomba said.

But affection and purchasing power do not translate into Alpine medals, and neither Tomba nor Kimura, the best Japanese slalom skier in 30 years, would reward the royal family's curiosity Sat-

Kimura would finish 13th overall. Tomba, looking very much like a 31year-old on the decline, finished 17th in the first run and declined to ski the second, citing a sore lower back, hip and groin. He did not mention a sore ego. After winning gold, silver and silver

in the slalom in the last three Olympics, Tomba watched the medals go elsewhere on this snowy day on Mount Yakebitai.

The surprising news was that the win-ner was every bit as flamboyant as Tomba. The gold medalist, Hans-Petter Buraas of Norway, has changed hair color seven times this season and arrived in Nagano with bright red locks because red is one of the colors on the Japanese flag. In truth, his Olympic hairdo looked more like a tribute to

Raggedy Andy or Ronald McDonald than to the host nation.

Buraas, who is 22 and in his first full season on the World Cup circuit, had never won a race until Saturday, but after finishing in the top four in each of the slaloms leading up to these Olympics, he peaked at the perfect time, with a combined time of 1 minute, 49.31 seconds.

I broke a ski tip on my first run, said Buraas, who finished second in that run. "In the second, I just gave it everything.'

The silver went to Buraas's veteran teammate Ole Christian Furuseth, whose time of 1:50.64 proved that not all 31-year-old skiers are too old to win a medal in the Olympics. The bronze went to the first-run leader, Thomas Sykora of Austria, who finished in 1:50.68.

# Norway's Dahlie Storms to His 8th Gold

By Robert Millward The Associated Press

HAKUBA. Japan - In the longest, toughest and last race of the Nagano Games, Bjorn Dahlie showed why he is the greatest cross-country skier of his time with one more come-from-behind

Already a two-time winner here, Dahlie pushed himself to victory in the

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50-kilometer event Sunday and won his eighth career gold medal.

Steadily pulling through the leaders until he reached the front with around eight kilometers to go, the Norwegian collapsed at the finish line to win in 2 hours, 5 minutes, 8.2 seconds. When he was hauled to his feet a few

minutes later, Dahlie had to be supported by a Norwegian team official as he struggled to regain his breath and his body started to recover. 'It think it was my hardest race he said. "Before the race, I

didn't believe in a medal at all. Mentally, I was finished with these Olympics. I was quite tired. But then, in the second stage of the race I saw that my time was good and I

thought that perhaps I could get a medal.

In the last two or three kilometers I was completely exhausted." The victory gave Dahlie his 12th cawhether to aim at Salt Lake City in four years time, when he will be 34. 'Right now I feel I have finished my

ski career. I've no motivation," he said. "I will talk things over with my family and decide in the spring what to do.' Dahlie won three gold medals at Al-

bertville in 1992 and two at Lillehammer in 1994. He won the 10K classical here and was part of Norway's triumphant 40K relay, making up a 12.6second deficit on his leg.

The overall Olympic record for gold medals is nine, shared by Carl Lewis,

Latynina, a former Soviet gymnast, got it just right.

Paavo Nurmi, Larysa Latynina and

leading the Norwegian by two-tenths of

Dahlie's winning margin was 8.1 seconds ahead of Sweden's Niklas

Jonsson, who also was sprawled at the

finish line when Dahlie came across.

The two seemed to exchange a few

words of congratulations as they lay

medals with 18.

side by side in the snow.

The bronze medal went to Christian Hoffmann of Austria, whom Dahlie overhauled in the closing stages. After a second at the 41.9K stage, Hoffmann came home 53,6 seconds behind.

The 50K is the ultimate cross-country test of stamina and strategy, and Dahlie



reer medal. No Winter Games athlete Bjorn Dahlie of Norway after collapsing at the finish line of the 50K event.

## Tomba's Final Outing In Olympian Career? Italian Skier Says He'll Be Tourist in 2002

By Christopher Clarey
New York Times Service

YAMANOUCHI, Japan - He wanted to go out a winner, or at the very least, a medalist. Alberto Tomba did not do either in Japan.

In fact, the world's most recognizable Alpine skier did not even finish a race in these Olympics. The Italian, 31, was disqualified in the giant slalom, skid-ding out early in the first run. He then disqualified himself in the slalom Saturday, bowing out after finishing 17th in the first run because of pain in his lower hack and groin that he said was a result

of his fall. If this was truly Tomba's final Olympic race, it was an anticlimactic finish to a spectacular career. After winning two gold medals in Calgary, Alberta, in 1988, a gold and silver in Albertville, France ("Albertoville," he called it), in 1992 and another silver in Lillehammer, Norway, in 1994, he seriously considered retirement. But for a variety of reasons, including his deeply competitive nature and pressure from his father and his agents. Tomba con-

tinued dodging gates and the paparazzi. But since achieving his last major unrealized goal in 1996 in the Sierra Nevadas in Spain, by sweeping the slalom and giant slalom in the world championships, he has won only two races. Though he prepared very professionally for this final Olympic season, dropping pounds and adding muscle, an Italian government tax investigation of him and his family has

proved a major distraction. On Saturday, he started sixth in the first run on the sort of steep and taxing slope in which he specializes. But Tomba, famous for his aggressive, mus-cular style, would ski far too conservatively. His run had no brio, no slash. He would finish almost two seconds behind Thomas Sykora, the first-run leader.

The question remains whether Tomba will now stop altogether. Despite his tendency to send conflicting signals, he certainly does not intend to ski in another Games. "I will be at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake

City as a tourist, " he said. He did not choose to elaborate. Instead, he returned to his hotel and made plans to fly home to Italy on Sunday. He will not compete in the World Cup races in Yong Pyong, South Korea, early next month, but he is still planning to compete in the World Cup finals in Crans Montana, Switzerland, March 11-15.

Tomba is second to Ingemar Stenmark in career World Cup victories among men, but he no longer enjoys competing regularly. He finds the circuit unprogressive and finds the constant weather problems and scheduling changes increasingly irritating.
"I love this sport but not at the mo-

ment," he said before the Games. "It's changed, these rules. I don't like the World Cup anymore. I want the World Cup to be for the fans. May be after 2000 when Tomba has stopped to ski they can change something with this World

There are two reasons Tomba might not retire after Crans Montana.

First, he does not want to leave the sport a loser: "I want to stop skiing when they can remember me being on the top," he said recently.

The second reason is financial. Italian authorities have been investigating him and some of his former advisers for tax evasion since last summer and are reportedly nearing a judgment. If the amount of any fine were to total in the tens of millions of dollars. Tomba might be obliged to try to maintain his guaranteed earning power on the slopes.

"For financial reasons, I think Alberto's father Franco will want him to continue skiing for a while," said a source who works with Tomba and asked not to be named. "But I think" other people will be able to convince him that the time has come to stop.'

If and when Tomba does announce his retirement, he knows how he wants to be remembered: 'Was good guy. Won everything. Was extroverted. Had to be extroverted to win the race."



Alberto Tomba did not get a medal.

#### German Biathletes Unite to Shine in Relay

The Associated Press

NOZAWA ONSEN, Japan Alone they faltered. Together they reasserted German biathlon power as the shoot-and-ski biathlon climaxed Saturday at the Olympic Games with Germany capturing the men's 30-kilometer relay.

No German finished higher than sixth in individual events at Nagano, but as a team they took their third straight Olympic relay gold. Norway won the silver, and Germany's archrival, Russia, secured bronze.

of the four biathletes who won the second, to close in.

gold at Lillehammer, Norway, four years ago. It finished in 1 hour. 21 minutes and 36.2 seconds. Norway was clocked at 1:21:56.3 and Russia at 1:22.19.3.

Veteran Ricco Gross, who won his fifth Olympic medal, started strongly. Peter Sendl shot 10-for-10 and skied the fastest leg of the day. Sven Fischer put Germany 1:10 ahead of the nearest challenger. Then it was anchor Frank Luck's turn. Luck needed three extra shots at the

firing line, allowing the Norwegians, The German team contained three who had moved from sixth place to

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4. Alexei Prokururov, Russia, 2:06:41.5; 5. Fulvio Volbusa, Italy, 2:06:44.3; 6. Thomas Alsgoand, Norway, 2:07:21.5; 7. Johann Mushleg, Germany, 2:07:25.2; 8. Visalimir Smirnov, Kazralston, 2:07:26.4; 9. Mountale Pezzi, Italy, 2:08:132, 10. Silve Foruner, Italy, 2:06:44.3; 11. Anders Eide, Norway, 2:11:36.9; 12. Alois Stodlaber, Airstria, 2:11:26.4; 13. Lubomir Buchta, Czech Republic, 2:11:36.9; 15. Petra Piel Nurhahn, Russia, 2:12:21.9; 16. Pietra Piel Nurhahn, Russia, 2:12:308.3; 18. Jeremias Wilger, Switzerland, 2:13:36.3; 18. Jeremias Wilger, Switzerland, 2:13:36.5; 20. Mathias Fredriksson, Sweden, 2:14:36.9; 21. Vincont Villac, France, 2:14:16.2; 22. Wilhelm Aschwonden, Switzerland, 2:14:18.1; 23. Andrej Nevzorov, Kazakston, 2:15:14.7; 24. Tur Hestand, Norway, 2:15:21.7; 25. Jordi Riba, Spain, 2:16:34.2; 26. Stefan Kunz, Liechtenstein, 2:16:36.2; 20. Oughat, China, 2:16:22.3; 30. Hitmyuki Inad, Japan, 2:16:36.5; 31. Sergei Dolidovich, Belanus, 2:17:79:2; 32. Milison Horigame, Japan, 2:17:99:2; 33. Kazudoshi Nagahama, Japan, 2:17:24.4; 34. Targan, Maryen, Sweden, 3:18:26.5; 44.5; 45.5; 46.5;

kston, 2:25-58.0; S6. Chris Blanchard.

Keever, Canada, 228:19.0; 59. Paul Gray, Australia, 229:08.2; 60. Roberts Rolma, Latvia, 230:49.9; 61. Shin Doo-sun, South Korea, 233:27.3; 62. Guido Visser, Canada, 233:49.7; NR. Patrick Remy, France, did not start NR. Lukas Bayer, Czech Republic, did not start; NR. Beat Koch, Switzerland, did not start; NR. Philippe Senchez, France, old not start; NR. Ricardos Panovos, Litheonia, did not finish: NR. Juan Gutlerrez, Spain, did not finish: NR. NR. Juan Ginericz, spain, do na innise NR. Dandid Farley, Canada, did not finish: NR. Vi-atcheslay Piaksounov, Belarus, did not finish: NR. Gernord (Iralia, Aughth, did not finish: NR. Martin Bojciccii, Stovakia, did not finish: NR. NR. Grigory Manchenin, Russia, did not finish; NR. Nikolai Semeniaka, Belarus, did not finish; NR. Ivan Hudoc, Slovakia, did not finish;

Canada, 2:26:58.9; 57. Aleksander Ushkalenka, Ukraine, 2:27:09.1; 58. Robin Mc-

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1st Period-1, F.-J. Kurri (E. Tikkonen, M. Nieminen), (pp). 2 C.-R. Brindomour (A. Foote). 3 Finland, J. Lehtinen (S. Karw), 2nd Period—4, C.-B. Shanahan (W. Gretzky, M. Recchi), (pp). 2rd Period—5, F.-V. Peltonen (S. Kohru), (pp). Shets on Gool—F. 5-4-6—15, C. 11-13-10—34. Goolies—F.-A. Sulander (34-32). C.-P. Ray (15-12). GOLD MEDAL

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Men's 500 meters

Heat 1— 1. Hifoshi Vernaisu. Japan. 43.697 conds (Q); 2. An Yulong, Ching. 43.796 (Q); 3. Dave Versteeg, Netberlands, 43.850; 4. Choe Ji-hoon, South Korea, 43.864. Heat 2— 1. Takafumi Nishifani, Japan. 42,756 (Q): 2. Marc Gogreen, Canada, 42,780 (Q): 2. Kim Dong-sung, South Korea, 43,096; 4. Andy Gabel, United States, 59,811; NR. Li

Jiojan, China, disqualified.

RRONZE MEDAL FINAL

1. Chae Ji-hoon, South Korea, 42,832,

2. Dave Versleep, Netherlands, 42,933;

3. Andy Gabel, United States, 43,072, 4, Kim
Dong-sung, South Korea, 43,090,

GOLD MEDAL FINAL

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3. Hiloshi Jiematisu, Japan, 42,713.

ni Tuorig, Cinita, 43,172. Hitoshi Uematsu, Japan, 43,713. Aarc Gognon, Canada, 1:15,605. AREN'S 5,000 METER RESAY BRONZE MEDAL FINAL

1. Japan (Sofor Terus Nagya Tamura; Takehiro Kodera: Yugo Shirushara), 7:1.660. 2. United States (Andy Gabe): Tom O'Hare Rushy Smiths Eric Florin), 7:20.714, 3. British (David-Allardice: Nicholas Gooch; Matthew Josper, Matthew Rowe), 7:06.462; 4. Australia (Steven Bradbury; Richard Goerfitz: Kieran Hansen; Richard Nizielski), 7:15.907. OOLD MEDAL FINAL

1. Canada (Eric Bedard; Dertick Campbell;
Francois Drolet Marc Gagnon), 7:06.075,

2. South Korea (Chee Ji-hoong Lee Jun-

twan: Lee Ho-eving; Kim Dong-sung), 3. China (Li Jiajun: Feng Kat; Yuan Ye; An Yulong), 7:11.559; 4. Italy (Michele Antoniol); Maurizio Carnina: Fabio Carta; Diego Cat-SCHEPHALS
Hant 1—1. Won Mye-Gyung, South Korea,
1:35.60 (CQ); 2. Yang Yang (S.), China,
1:35.21 (QI 3. Isobelle Charest, Cannob,
1:35.24); 4. Kim Yun-mi, South Korea.

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# WINTER OLYMPICS

# As Games Sprawl, Are They Better?

By George Vecsey
New York Times Service

nasty, I believe — that I wrote ing boom microphones. that the 1998 Winter Games All of these people that the 1998 Winter Games All of these people need were now official because the rooms, need food, need trans-Great Gretzky and the Mighty Kwan had arrived.

the wrong palm tree. (My guide book tells me there are

VANTAGE POINT

palm trees right here in Nagano Prefecture. I never saw one, but maybe I was always sitting on the wrong side of a hellish number of

Great Gretzky did not win a games, the downtown games wheeze our way homeward. and the mountain games.

Games on my own loopy the- brawling, a potential drain on ory that Gretzky and Kwan unsuspecting host cities. This were the hot tickets, but I kept hearing reports of the Her- Olympic Committee included minator, a human cannonball snowboarding in the Winter of a skier who won two gold Games, and a Canadian gold of the Olympic tournament. medals. I never met the man. I was always on a bus.

that the Winter Games now contracted it by taking deep sprawl unglamorously for 16 breaths around his buds at a very long days.

What are we going to do with these Winter Games? I don't really care if CBS, the ries like that with a straight U.S. television network, face. made a good investment in paying for all these lugers and bobsledders — and being here, I didn't have to watch any of it - but I do wonder if delight in the final game Satthe Winter Games are going urday — the Czech Republic in the right direction.

Tell me if I'm crazy, but isn't the appeal of the Winter Games rooted in a simpler and the Canadians are long

When I hear names like Chamonix and St. Moritz and sweaters twirling and flying sorts, far from the grime and bustle of civilization.

Sonja Henie. Dick Button. Peggy Fleming. I actually think the Olympic movement still sells the Winter Games on that dated premise of elegance and simplicity.

The Winter Games have got big and bloated as more joy of whacking other people smiles.

with sticks or flying through air with boards strapped to their feet. The Games now NAGANO, Japan - It need thousands of techniseems like a very long time cians, system-support people, ago — during the Edo Dy- camera luggers, brutes wield-

portation, need places to work. The Winter Games now Turns out I was barking up need moderate-sized cities just to support the wretched foot soldiers who schlep from site to site so people in New York and Vancouver and Sydney and Tokyo and Berlin can watch in their appointed time zones.

The Nagano Games were closer to the equator than Winter Games had been before. Sometimes there was too The Mighty Kwan did not much snow up in the hills, but win a gold medal and the down here in Almost Heaven, West Nagano, the weather has medal at all, but their search been soupy and temperate for gold was surely a major enough to provide an ideal theme in these dramatically breeding ground for a bronskewed Winter Games — the chial flu that is sure to circle indoor games and the outdoor the globe as we back and

The Summer Games just I did my best to cover these might have become big and the International medalist tested positive for a minuscule amount What I am trying to say is marijuana. He insisted he

party months ago. If the bloke

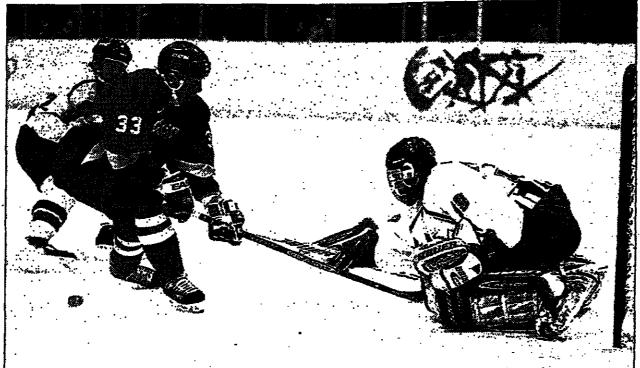
were American, he could be-

come president by telling sto-

The IOC also imported a legion of 125 professional hockey players to represent their homelands. I took great against Russia for a mythical Alexander Dubcek Memorial Trophy — while the Yanks

gone with no medals at all. The downside to this deal with the devil is that a few Lake Placid and Garmisch- loutish Yanks tore up their Partenkirchen, I conjure up suite in the Athletes Village. images of athletes in bulky You bring in surly millionaires for a midwinter sabbatever trash a suite in St. Moritz

or Oslo? I doubt it. The Winter Games keep reaching. In four years, Salt Lake City will become the biggest city to be host to the Winter Games. Presumably, the Hessians from the National Hockey League will be back, and so will the snownations, to say nothing of back, and so will the snow-women, have discovered the boarders with their vapid



Czech goalie Dominik Hasek saving a shot by Russian forward Alexei Zhamnov during the final on Sunday.

# Olympics Muddle the Hockey Picture

By Joe Lapointe
New York Times Service

NAGANO, Japan — Ron Wilson, the coach of the U.S. men's hockey team, sat in Big Hat arena late last week, watching teams of rival coaches in the semifinals

Most of Wilson's players already had returned to the United States, but Wilson remained. He wore a black cowboy hat. Any movie buff could see the symbolism: The bad guy wore the black hat in Hollywood westerns.

Wilson was not personally a villain, but his hat stood as a symbol for his players, who had become notorious around the Winter Games. Throughout Big Hat much of last week, the chatter was about the off-ice behavior of these elite National Hockey League players who won only one of four games and looked disorganized and frustrated on ice.

Off ice, early in the week, some American players were sighted in local bars in the early hours of the morning. After they were eliminated by the Czech Republic in the quarterfinals, some U.S. players returned to the Athletes Village and broke chairs, broke a table, broke a door, squirted fire extinguishers and threw several objects, including a bi-cycle, from the fifth-floor balcony.

They caused \$3,000 in damage, according to Clynt è officials. The racket outdoors in elegant ski re- ical, and you take your awakened other athletes. In symbolic chances. Did Dick Button terms, the American players gave their nation's hockey image a black eye, a bloody nose and a few broken teeth. Their tour of duty here amounted to a 10- 2002. Curiously, the winning Czech

> were the members of the American women's team, who won gold medals with a victory over Canada. In the closing ceremonies, Cammie Granato carried the American flag.

With the Czechs winning gold, the

was a medal sweep for Europe on the is one of the league's best players.

After the final, Slava Lener, the Czech pean players learn the game.

Now players from various nations return to their NHL teams to finish the last 10 weeks of the regular season before two months of Stanley Cup playoffs. The NHL Players Association must assess the overall impact of shutting down the league for more than two weeks to send the best professionals to the Winter Games for the first time.

Did the effort help or hurt the mar-keting of hockey in the United States? Was it worth the injuries to Canada's Joe Sakic of the Colorado Avalanche and Finland's Teemu Selanne of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks? Will the shutdown hurt fan interest, television audiences and arena attendance for the remainder of the season? Should the league again close down and send its players to the Olympics for the Winter Games in Salt Lake City in 2002? Did the NHL suffer by the success of the European teams and the failures of the United States and Canada, where the NHL does business?

are equating our coming to the Olympics with the success of their home teams,' said Gary Bettman, the NHL commis-"I think it was a great tournament. This has been a positive ex- that players couldn't hook and hold as репевсе picture it fits into."

Bettman said the league and the union would review the experience next summer and decide, possibly then, about day misconduct.

Plenty of hockey players did compete
with honor and dignity. Among them

team had the fewest NHL players — 11

— among the "Big Six" teams who
arrived after eight others began their preliminary round. Bettman said he wouldn't read too much into that" because the Czech goalie Dominik Hasek, who plays for the Buffalo Sabres, was the most valuable player in the NHL last season, and the Czech forward

Russians silver and Finland bronze, it Jaromir Jagr of the Pittsburgh Penguins

coach, said the larger ice surface at the one of its better forwards Olympics had helped the European but not much else besides a teams, who were used to it, and hurt the North American teams. Vladimir Yurzinov, the Russian about the 1969 game," said coach, said the tournament might teach

hockey more than they do now. The NHL takes the good European players, he said, using Europe as a farm club and diminishing European leagues. "Some sort of reciprocity and mutual respect should be in order," Yurzinov said. Too many promising European players disappear in North American minor leagues, and that loss of talent to

North America is bad for attendance in European leagues. Bob Clarke, the general manager of the Canadian team, which finished fourth with a record of 4-2, alluded to the chauvinism of North Americans, particularly Canadians, who think hockey is

uniquely their game.
"We are Canadians, we love our sport "Too many people in North America and there is a passion for our sport," Clarke said. "But, if we don't recognize that our opponents are as good as us, we won't beat them.' Besides the wider ice, Wilson noted

> much as they do in the NHL because the players are spread out more. The ice itself, and the sideboards, had none of the advertising that clutters NHL rinks. The games were played at a brisk pace because there were no television

timeouts. And there was no fighting. In the news conference after the final, one of the questions was about money. hurting a great deal right Robert Reichel smiled and spoke into his now. microphone.

'We don't care about money!" said Reichel, who plays for the Islanders. when the Czechs eliminated them from the semifinals in a ky, both part of the Edmonton held up the gold medal and smiled.

# Czechs Shut Out Russia for Gold inton to

Finland Overcomes Canada, 3-2 👟

By Rachel Alexander Kashington Past Service

Olympic gold medal in watch the game. hockey with a 1-0 victory.

over Russia. The 1969 victory came less than a year after the Soviets fans, many holding signs that rolled tanks into the center of

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Prague. The victory Sunday was more about pride in the Czech Republic, split from Slovakia since 1993, than about beating the Russians. from the left point 8 minutes. This was about the accomplishment of a team from a 8 seconds into the third perismall country, a team with the od. tournament's best goaltender but not much else besides a strong belief in itself.

'My parents still talk Petr Svoboda, the defenseman who scored the game's North Americans to respect European only goal midway through the third period. Beating the Russians is still a big thing for

that generation." Jaromir Jagr, the team's most recognized player, had hit the post earlier.

The scene at Big Hat arena, wild with red, white and blue flags from both countries, dued atmosphere that hung through the building less than 24 hours earlier. Then, a ment mostly Canadian crowd had hockey watched Finland claim the bronze medal in a 3-2 upset of and superstar forward Teemu Selanne. The result dealt the mates. final blow to North American hockey at this tournament: Patrick Roy, spectacular in Neither Canada nor the United States left here with a medal, despite being heavy

"I know a lot of people through North America are heartbroken," said Marc 17 seconds into the third peri-Crawford, the Canada coach. od, bounced off Roy and into 'I think that every one of us is

The Canadians had looked sallow ever since Friday,

tiebreaker. Hasek, who stopped all five Canadian NAGANO, Japan — The shooters in that game, was shooters in that game, was shipped that again Sunday, saving goaltender Dominik Hasek shots from positions that was only 3 years old in 1969, would make a goalie coach when Czechoslovakia se- cringe. But the moves worked cured the biggest victory in for Hasek, who earned conthe country's history by detinuous chants of praise from feating the Soviet Union in the crowd at Big Hat arena the world championships, and back in Prague, where Now 33, he has managed to several large-screen televibetter that legend, giving the sions had been set up in public Czech Republic its first squares so people could

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those same streets in Prague were flooded with joyons read, "Hasek for President." After Sunday, the Czech celebrants may want to add Svoboda to the ticket. The Czechs had several good chances on goaltender Mikhail Shtalenkov, but it was Svoboda who finally broke through on a slap shot

The Russians were never able to get through Hasek, and the Czechs finally added a gold medal to their Ölympic collection. When unified with Slovakia, they had won four silver medals and four bronze, but had been thwarted by the Soviet Union each time they threatened to win the Olympic tournament

The Czech victory was another upset in a tournament, in which Canada, the United States and Sweden were all expected to win medals.

Finland's bronze medal was also something of a surwas different from the sub- prise, and Selanne, out with a pulled stomach muscle, believed it was a major stateabout European

Finland was outshot, 34-15, but the backup goaltender Canada. despite the absence Arr Sulander, playing in place of Finland's top goaltender of a benched Jarmo Myllys, was everywhere for his team-

> The Canadian goaltender, the game Friday against the ing up more goals than in any The winner, scored by Ville Peltonen on a power play just the net.

Roy also gave up goals to NHL forwards Jere Lehtinen and Jari Kurri, It was the last international game for Kurri penalty-shot Oilers' dynasty of the 1980s.





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